

North Side Karate / Aldine Tae Kwon Do

Newsletter
December 2008

Students of the Month:

Jose Rubio +
Guadalupe Marin

Parent of the Month:
Mrs. Elaine McClintock

Employee of the Month
Ms. Vera Maxie

Upcoming Events:

December 2008

- 5 A.O.K. Finals
- 6 A.O.K. Finals
- 10 Parent Work Out
- 11 Bo Seminar 5:30pm
- 12 **Last day to pay for rank test**
- 17 Pick Up Christmas Packages

Focus Student:
Ramiro Berrones

Aerobics Student of the month:
Mrs. Ericka Romero

Dojo will be closed from
December 23rd-28th &
January 1st -4th

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Rank Test Dojo (Main Location)

Saturday, December 20, 2008
9am & 10:30am

GOOD LUCK!

**PLEASE BE AT RANK TEST AT LEAST 20
MINUTES EARLY...**

Bo Seminar (Main Location)

Thursday, December 11, 2008
5:30pm

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Message from the Chief Instructor:
North Side Karate

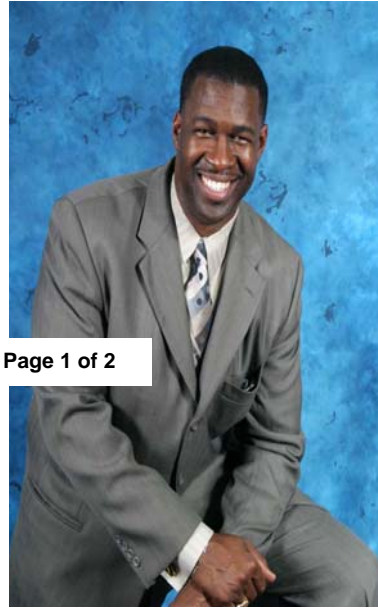
I am most excited about the many accomplishments that have occurred in 2008. I believe that I can honestly state that this is the largest group of parents that I have had to support the organization than I have ever had. I've had parents that have worked long and hard, I've had parents that have stuck by me, but currently the large number of parents that support is astonishing. Our organization suffered a blow which could have easily taken out an organization, but because of so much assistance and understanding from parents, students, schools' coordinators, friends, etc., this has worked out to be a major benefit. The effect of the hurricane came close to closing down our main location. Ultimately, instead of losing our main dojo, we received a dojo twice the size and a host of amenities for the parents and kids as well as reestablishing the old building and passing it down for my son Jacobie Gilder to be the head instructor, backed by his mother as the owner.

I've been blessed to watch the kids grow and see the young men and ladies progress in the art and their schooling. I feel honored to have been a small part in the lives of so many. To see kids waddle in the elementary level all the way to progressing in college is daily appreciation.

This year I watched a well known friend and instructor Richard Dixon pass. I also watched a student, Jamal Hasan, that I trained to do his first kick and punch ever in the martial art and advance from white belt to advanced belt, leave us too soon. From this I've learned to enjoy the kids more and gain a larger respect for fellow black belts. Moreover, I gained a greater appreciation for each day.

If I look back at this year and I see a many blessings. I hope we all as a family take the time to value what we have and what we don't have. Take time out of a day to thank a family member, to bring an apple to a teacher, to hug a friend, and always at the end of the day kneel down to say thank you. I am looking forward to have a great 2009. I THINK WE CAN.

- D. E. Chambers



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