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*GM Juerg Ziegler of Switzerland*



*Lena Ziegler - Schrag (11/6/34 – 6/23/13)*

Before we begin this newsletter, we'd like to offer our heart felt condolences to Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler of Switzerland who lost his Mother, Ms. Lena Ziegler – Schrag to a Stroke on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stay strong, Brother and know that our love and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

In more cheerful news..... As reported in our last newsletter, Grandmaster David Grago was going to “tie the knot” with his lady love, Sandy Martin in Las Vegas....Well, they did just that on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Storybook Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas and we have the video link of their Wedding to prove it:

<http://www.gracelandchapel.com/weddings/view/?videoid=4920>

**CONGRATULATIONS** to you two “love birds” and may you have many, many years of Wedded bliss! Hope to see you both at our 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration of the WHFSC to be announced soon!



*Grandmaster David & Sandy Grago*

From Israel – our member the legendary creator of Dennis Survival Jiu-Jitsu, Grandmaster Dennis Hanover received a great write-up in ESRA Magazine, an Israeli publication written in English designed to integrate those who speak English into the Israeli community. You can view the article at: <http://www.esra-magazine.com/blog/post/mr-martial-arts>



*Dr. Dennis Hanover*

Grandmaster Ron “The Black Dragon” Van Clief of Hawaii reports that his books, “Black Heroes of the Martial Arts” editions 2 and 3 are in the editing process and will be available before the New Year. His company, BLACK DRAGON PRESS is also currently reviewing new manuscripts for publication in 2014. For more information, you can contact Ron at [RonVanClief@yahoo.com](mailto:RonVanClief@yahoo.com) .....



*GM Ron Van Clief*

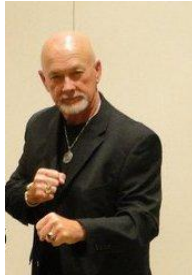


*Professor Jaime Abregana Jr.*

Professor Jaime Abregana Jr., Head of the HAWAII MARTIAL ARTS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY announces that they will be putting out a new hard copy/ on-line magazine by the same name for the HMAIS. One of the upcoming articles will be an interview on yours truly and my creation of the World Head of Family Sokeship Council, as well as my art of San-Jitsu from Guam.....



*Action Martial Arts Power Hour Radio Show with Master Alan Goldberg*



*Prof. Gary Dill*



*GM Frank E. Sanchez*



*GM Ron Balas*

The Action Martial Arts Power Hour Radio Show with host, Master Alan Goldberg and co-host, Master Joe Rebelo featured 3 of our members, Professor Gary Dill, myself & GM Ron Balas in 3 separate interviews.....



*Prof. Vincent Lyn*



*GM Don Warrener*

Professor Vincent Lyn reports that the Melissa Aldana & Crash Trio will be accompanying him at his Carnegie Hall performance on December 13<sup>th</sup> of this year. For more info on Vincent's upcoming concert you can write to him at [LingGarLyn@gmail.com](mailto:LingGarLyn@gmail.com) .....Grandmaster Don Warrener, Head of the World Karate Organization (WKO) would like to remind everyone that their next world tournament takes place November 21 -23, 2014 in Curitiba, Brazil. For more information you can visit the website of <http://www.WorldKarateOrganization.com/>



*GMs Ziegler, Wasniewski (host) & Sanchez at Head Table of awards banquet*



*GMs Wasniewski, Sanchez & Hicken in seminar room prior to start of seminars*

Grandmaster Gary Wasniewski's LONDON INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME took place June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Copthorne Tara Hotel in London, England. The event ran *very smoothly*, first with seminars and then the event starting promptly at 7:00pm. It was great seeing friends, Grandmaster Wasniewski, Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler and Grandmaster Stuart Hicken during that time and also being asked to sit at the Head Table. Definitely had a great time there. For more information on next years' event you can contact Gary at [Shihan1@Tv-Ga.CO.UK](mailto:Shihan1@Tv-Ga.CO.UK)



*Master Alfredo Torella*



*"The Chest" Movie*



*Gemstone Entertainment Media*

Master Alfredo Torella of the WHFSC Masters Division reports that the new film he is in entitled "The Chest" premiered June 30<sup>th</sup> at the AMC 16 Theatre in Schererville, Indiana. He is also the new Co-President of Gem Stone Entertainment Media, a new movie production company.

Lastly, in international news, the World Head of Family Sokeship Council's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration held May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> in Orlando, Florida was a resounding success!.....I would like to thank 2 individuals in particular for their deeds this year. First, to long time friend, Grandmaster Ron Van Clief who stated in a 3/18/13 post on the WHFSC Facebook page that "*The World Head of Family Sokeship Council is the best event in America. I hope to attend this May in Orlando, Thank you GM Frank Sanchez for everything. Your Brother, Ron Van clief*" and to Grandmaster Rene Latosa who wasn't able to stay for the WHFSC banquet but came to do his seminar anyway because he *promised* that he would. Now, these are two *very classy* individuals and a sincere "THANK YOU" and deep bow of appreciation to both of you for being the honorable martial artists that you are - OSU!



*GM Ron Van Clief*



*GM Rene Latosa with seminar participant, Sensei Ray Kodani  
(Rene is holding a copy of the new "WHFSC Grandmasters Council" Book)*

Here are a few picture highlights from our 21<sup>st</sup> annual International seminars, meeting and awards banquet. "Thank you" to all of you who attended and to those of you who couldn't, please make your arrangements now to be at next years' event which will be announced soon. We can promise you a great time and you will be in the company of martial artists who have dedicated their lives to the



martial arts – no “wannabes”, “posers” or those who “talk, but can’t do it on the mat”, just the “real deal”. All in harmony & all getting together to promote unity in the martial arts!

Also, “special thanks” to GM Richard & Linda Van Donk; and Dr. Germon Miller-Bey for their kindness in presenting me with their accolades and gifts during the banquet. It was deeply and humbly appreciated.....



*Annual Meeting*



*Signing of new members certificates*



*Grandmasters & masters pose for picture prior to seminars*



*Active duty servicemen and Vets line up to receive applause at banquet*

For more photos of the WHFSC event click on the link below:

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#### NEW MEMBERS OF THE WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY SOKESHIP COUNCIL

We’d like to WELCOME the following new members to the grandmasters division of the WHFSC:

**Professor Anthony Ramos** - inheritor of Kajukenbo Ramos Method from California; **Chief Master Brian Long** - inheritor of Samurai Nagai Ryu JuJitsu and Goshin Kempo Karate from New Jersey; **GM Alberto Friedman** – Soke Dai of Wa No Michi Ryu from Indiana; **GM Josie Murray** – Empty Force Jiu-Jitsu from Ireland; **GM Kevin Cullen** – Ateru Goju Ryu Karate Jutsu from Ohio; **GM Elvin Fields** – Liger Ryu from North Carolina; and **GM Sergio Barriga** – Shim Shin Do from Florida



*Prof. Anthony Ramos*



*GM Brian Long*



*GM Alberto Friedman*



*GM Josie Murray*

In our Honorary Members division, we'd like to welcome from Nevada, GM Joshua St. Ives, worldwide Ambassador of Yen Ch'ng Tao.....



*GM Kevin Cullen*



*GM Elvin Fields*



*GM Sergio Barriga*

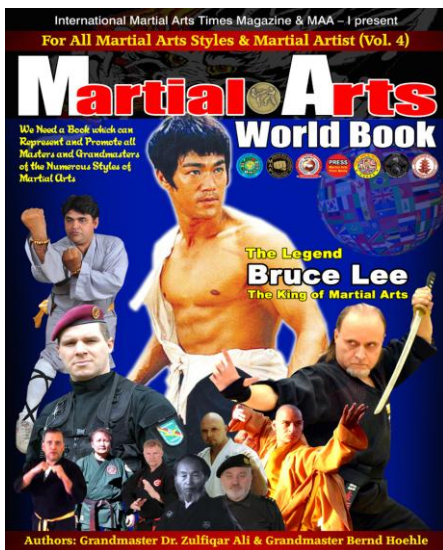


*Honorary Member  
GM Joshua St. Ives*

And lastly in our Masters division, we'd like to WELCOME the following individuals: Chief Master Rahman Ali of Black Lion UpKuDo – FL (under GM Charles Dixon of TX); Master Linda Von Donk of Bushindo (under GM Richard Van Donk of CA); Master Jim Willoughby - UKA System; and Mark Murphy -Tony Leslie of Tyga Karate; and Keith Turner - Mike Ashton of Tyga JuJitsu (under GM Gary Wasniewski of England)

We are very pleased to include all of you as a part of our worldwide family!

On the front covers of the media this time around:



*2013 Martial Arts World Book with “yours truly” on the cover along with other international figures*

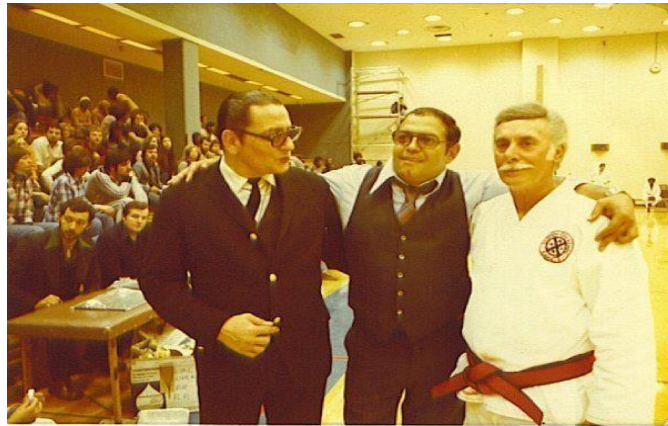


*Issue no. 78 of the FMA Informative News with members present at our 2013 WHFSC event on cover along with myself and Shihan Chris Marquez*

For a copy of the Martial Arts World Book which is distributed internationally from Pakistan, you can write to either Dr. Ali Zulfigar at [SISWUA@yahoo.com](mailto:SISWUA@yahoo.com) or Master Bernd Hohle at [info@MAA-L.com](mailto:info@MAA-L.com) . It contains the bios of martial artists from around the world.....The FMA INFORMATIVE is an on-line news magazine which is usually dedicated to just the Filipino martial arts. In issue no. 78, it is solely about the World Head of Family Sokeship Council. It's officers, members, Philippine art practitioners and the seminars that were conducted at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual event this year. Our special thanks to member, GM Dan Medina for writing and submitting the article to them. Click on this link to view: [http://www.fmainformative.info/Informative\\_Issues/2013/FMA\\_Informative-Issue78.pdf](http://www.fmainformative.info/Informative_Issues/2013/FMA_Informative-Issue78.pdf)

**IN THE MAGAZINES THIS TIME AROUND.....GM Maurice Elmalem, Editor of the American/ Canadian edition of BUDO INTERNATIONAL Magazine has just announced that BUDO is going digital in July. The magazine which has the distinction of being the world's largest circulated martial arts magazine printed in 7 different languages will also be "free" digitally beginning July!...just go to [www.BudoInternational.com](http://www.BudoInternational.com) – then click on the USA flag and click for "download"..... And lastly, in the June/July issue of BLACK BELT (has anyone other than me noticed that BLACK BELT has now gone bi-monthly?), it mentions that our deceased member, Keiko Fukuda Sensei's film documentary, "Mrs. Judo: Be Strong, Be Gentle, Be Beautiful" won the Jury Award for "Best Documentary" at the 2013 International Festival of Sports Movies in Moscow, along with mentions of Master Jackie Chan in a press release called "Kung Fu Poster Exhibition Now Open in California", Grandmasters Ron Van Clief & Tayari Casel in an article called "Classic Kung Fu Cinema Hits Hollywood!", an article on GM Leo Fong called "Bruce Lee, Leo Fong and Their Awakening" and a mention of GM Mark Shuey's "American Cane System: Ranking Series" DVDs**

**HISTORICAL PHOTOS**



*WHFSC Members (L to R) the late Maestro Peter Urban, GM Frank Ruiz & GM Peter Siringano Sr.*



*The late great Sosai Mas Oyama with one of his top students and WHFSC member Kyokushin Kai/ Judo legend, GM Jon Bluming*

**Well, this completes our newsletter for this month.....Until next time remember to stay "aggressive" and "fair" in all you do. GM Frank E. Sanchez – Founder/ Executive Director International**



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