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Mr. Nicklaus' Spotlight Article: **A Life Well Live**

I have to begin this message by telling you a very sad story.

On January 10th my older and only brother passed from this earth and went to join the angels.

My brother Gerhard was 72 years old.

Gerhard was different in many ways. He was a special needs person who was more than just a little bit special to me.

My heart is broken but it's important that I look back on my brother's life and remember the many good times and the many lessons that he taught me.

In this world many people might think that my brother was limited, handicapped in many ways.

Even though he may have been limited in some ways it was his spirit that reached out to people and showed a person who loved and cared very deeply.

Gerhard was easy to please and never complained about anything. He might occasionally grumble when his Packers were getting a beating, but other than that it was always smooth sailing.

I watched him closely when I was with him and saw how little things would bring a big smile to his face. Besides the Packers his other loves were travelling, fishing, being in nature, family, and watching eagles on the river.

There's a reason that I tell you my brother's story today. It's simply because we could all benefit from his wonderful example of how to live and how to treat others.

We all have our good and bad days. There are times when we are not fun to be around. My brother taught me that my small aches and pains are nothing compared to the struggles that he lived with every day.



He reminded me that simple pleasures such as sitting in a boat on a sunny day with a fishing pole in my hand were just as or more important than achieving my personal and business goals.

He reminded me that the love of family and treating others with love and respect are some of the most important things.

My brother came from Milwaukee to live with us in 2010. His caretaker Jane wrote me this in a card upon his passing

"I miss his smile that went from ear to ear. I miss him telling me good breakfast, good lunch, good supper. He made me feel like I was a gourmet cook. I'm sorry for your loss. I was supposed to help Gerhard with life experiences but he taught me how to live. Thank you for letting me love Gerhard"

He was special in every way. I hope you all have special people in your life who can help you appreciate the gifts that you have been given. Take the time to be with and let those special people know how much you care for them.

Even though I am sad I know that my brother is with the Lord and I will see him again.

Wishing you all the best,

Fred Nicklaus

Fred Nicklaus
Owner & Master Instructor

A Slew Of Fun February Activities

It's February and it's important to start the New Year off with a bang. We have two activities that students and families can enjoy this month

#1. Sparring With Mr. Nick- All Students Saturday, February 16th 1:30 pm

This is for ALL of our students who want to get better at sparring. We'll be doing some fun drills as well as improving your overall sparring techniques. Don't forget your chance to take part in the famous Battle Royale. Instructors and some of our advanced students vs. the rest of you. Get ready for this epic battle

#2-Leadership Conference- Tuesday February 19th 6 pm @ Blessed Sacrament gym



This is a chance for all of our students who are in our leadership program to spend an evening with myself, Mr. Cornell, and our other instructors and be challenged by learning ways to

improve your martial arts skills and your excitement for your martial arts program. Bring your bo staffs.

It's a workout that's a high level affair. Be sure to set this date on your calendar.

#3- Dodgeball Night- Friday February 22nd 7-8 pm @ Blessed Sacrament gym



It's a great night of fun and laughter along with some fast pitch ball slinging. If you want to throw some fastballs then this is your ticket. Moms and dads there will be dodgeball for you too. What a great game. Join us everyone.



Happy

Birthday!



- 2 Cameron Schmitt
- 7 Tristan Poff,
Sky Thao
- 10 Olivia Baltz
- 11 Jack Murphy
- 14 Melayah Azene,
Cameron
Fellegly-
McDonald
- 15 Jacee Erickson
- 18 Andrew Genelin
- 19 Avyn Holliday,
Kenji Vang
- 20 Kristjan Palm-
Leis
- 22 Brandi Strong
- 23 Tristan
McCullick,
Talen McCullick
- 24 Hudson Malay
- 25 Cash Lennartz
- 27 Vivian Lowrie

**Welcome to
MAA**

- Eian Kube
- Edwyn Heath
- Veronica Heath
- Isaac Ramaker
- Sam Stinson
- Miles Stumpner
- Savit Vurity

**Welcome to the
Leadership
Program**

- Ashton Herman
- Jacob Malgren
- Sean Martin
- Beatrice Nerud-
Sersch

ROCK SOLID CALENDAR – FEBUARY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Dragon Theme: Self- Control (Black)	28 Beginner Extra Practice 4 pm	29 	30 Beginner Extra Practice 4 pm	31	1 Beginner Extra Practice 345 pm	2
3 Dragon Theme: Respect (Gold)	4 Beginner Extra Practice 4 pm	5	6 Beginner Extra Practice 4 pm	7 	8 Beginner Testing 7 pm @Blessed Sac. School	9
10 Dragon Theme: Focus (Orange)	11 	12	13	14 	15 	16 Special Sparring with Mr. Nicklaus 130-230 pm @MAA
17 Dragon Theme: Team Work (Green)	18	19 Leadership Conference 6-7 pm @Blessed Sac. School	20	21 	22 Dodgeball 7-8 pm @Blessed Sac. School	23
24 Dragon Theme: Fitness (Purple)	25	26 	27	28 	1	2
Leadership Weapon of the Month: <i>ESCRIMA STICKS</i> <i>Next Month: Bo Staff</i>						