



# PaSaRyu Kicks



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## PAC Welcomes new era in PaSaRyu

PaSaRyu Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to initiate this first step, in a new era for PaSaRyu by saying hello through our newsletter, and say thank you to all of our PaSaRyu members and especially to our Branch School Instructors. It goes without saying that we would not exist as a martial art style or system without our founder, Grandmaster, or as he likes to be called, Master Kang H. Rhee. However, it takes more than an individual to be a martial arts group or school. It takes bodies/ members and not just anybody, it takes members of good character and quality. Master Rhee has said, "What good is to be on the top of the mountain, if you are there alone and if there is no one there to support you." This is what PAC wants to promote as we move forward.

We hope to embrace and celebrate our accomplishments and at the same time, re-focus our branches and members on the quality of our technique as a strong foundation of our martial art and work to establish a true support system. We have a pearl in our hands with what Master Rhee has created, but each member has to work to find his or her own pearl. It's like saying and this is a true saying, "The pearl is there, but you must work through the proper steps in PaSaRyu to find the PaSaRyu pearl in you." There are many martial art styles, systems, clubs, etc., but there are none like ours. Many of us come from other schools and we have the experience to confirm why we love PaSaRyu and why we have chosen to stick with it. PaSaRyu can now be compared to a home and like any home, it can be nice, or it can be in dismay. The foundation of our home was tested recently when our

"Main School", Headquarter school closed, but this was an inevitable course that had to come about at some time, and we would never be ready for it, no matter when it would be. The main point is that we rose to the occasion to pull together and begin the process of planning and implementing strategies to preserve our art for ourselves and for those to come. This was so evident with the success of PAC holding our very first PaSaRyu Black Belt Seminar in January 2014 and we will continue to build on this foundation. We hope to continue climbing the mountain with each and every member.

Thank you all for making and keeping PaSaRyu Best. There is a personal saying that I will leave with you, "Being a PaSaRyu Black Belt should scream excellence!" Be excellent in what you do and how you represent yourselves and PaSaRyu to the world, and more so when you interact with each other.

SUN! Your servant in PaSaRyu,

Dr. Falcon, Master Jackie Smith, PAC

## WBBB and PAC announce 2014 St. Jude Tournament

Earlier this month, the World Black Belt Bureau and the PaSaRyu Advisory Committee announced the 2014 St. Jude Tournament to be held on Saturday May 3rd, 2014. This years event celebrates the 50th anniversary of Grand Master Rhee bringing his unique martial art to the United States and more specifically the Memphis, TN area.

The tournament is a "closed" tournament allowing only members of PaSaRyu and the WBBB to compete.

However spectators are welcome and encouraged to come and support St. Jude Hospital.

Participants are encouraged to early register at <http://www.kangrhee.com/tournament/>.

Those going to support a participant may purchase tickets for \$5 from any branch school instructor or tickets can be purchased at the door on May 3rd. Each branch is encouraged to sell tickets to any supporters prior to the tournament as this will help promote donations to St. Jude.

## Students Promotions

Master Marcella "Falcon" Houseal of Pasaryu St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis, TN announced that; Blaney Rowe, Hana Barber, Sophia Bonin, Addie Dombroski, Arissa Fricano, Eveyln Batrlett, Eden Williams and Eva Hogan all earned their Yellow Belts and Julia Padron earned her Instructors certification as well.

Anthony Slayton of Slayton Martial Arts in Trenton, TN announced the following promotions; Justin "White Tiger" Ewell earned is Sah Bah Nihm ranking, Carter "Tiger" Ewell promoted to Red Belt, Ruth Ann "Leopardess" Slayton and Payton "Scorpion" Selph both promoted to Brown Belt, Ross "Hound Dog" Elliot and Brock "Cobra" Beasley both promoted to Green Belt.

Master Ray "Cheetah" Scott II of PaSaRyu Martial Arts Academy in Collierville reported the following promotions in February: Andy "Tai Pan" Beyer received his Yellow Belt, Charlie "Rattlesnake" Madison and Nassir "Mongoose" Jones promoted to Yellow belt in the Lil Oxen program.

## Meet the PaSaRyu Masters Master Troy "Phoenix" Trudeau

Each month the PAC would like to "feature" a Master in the PaSaRyu System. Many of us come up through the system attending only our own branch schools and only get to see other students and Masters during a tournament once or twice a year. We hope to create a greater sense of community by letting everyone get to know who the Masters are and what they do for the PaSaRyu system.

This month's featured Master is Troy "Phoenix" Trudeau.

Master Phoenix began his martial arts training at the age of 10. He first began training in Wado Ryu and Shotokan Karate systems. His interest in martial arts began when he decided to follow in the footsteps of his older brothers who were already black belts. Master Phoenix, like many students, was first exposed to PaSaRyu by attending a tournament. At the tournament he met Robert Blackstone, a black belt himself at the time. In 1989, Grand Master Rhee promoted Master Phoenix to 5th Dan. Now an 8th Dan,



Master Phoenix instructs students at his school in Statesville, NC. When asked what is the biggest challenge he faces today, Master Phoenix replied "Trying to stay focused spreading the art through schools and media." Master Phoenix regularly attends seminars across the United States and has been featured in several national maga-



zines. Master Phoenix says some of his best memories associated with PaSaRyu are from training at the Poplar Ave school in Memphis, TN. He added Master Rhee was quite tough back then and they had a lot of great times. When questioned about his being an instructor and his goals as an instructor, Master Phoenix says "My goal is to teach my students everything Grand Master Rhee has taught me" and his personal goal is to



continue to grow, teach and motivate others to reach their goals and dreams. Finally when asked what does "Way of Honor" mean to you, Master Phoenix responded "It means living the way of honor in any and everything you do,, and teaching and spreading those examples, to everyone you meet or teach..." Master Phoenix, who lives in North Carolina with his wife and children continues to live his dream, he has the distinct honor of taking all his martial arts knowledge, and like Grand Master Rhee, he has developed his own system, The World Tae Sool Won Association"



### PaSaRyu Advisory Committee Members

Master Jack "Panther" Dawson  
Master Sarah "Phoenix" Hatgas  
Master Greg "Falcon" Patrick  
Master Gary "Eagle" Ring  
Master Jackie "Falcon" Smith  
Alternates  
Master Tim "Crane" Baker  
Master Ione "Tigress" Laughlin

## Schools of PaSaRyu: This Month School is Rhodes College

Our first featured Branch School is the program at Rhodes College run by Master Phoenix Sarah Hatgas and Master Falcon Marcella Houseal. Master Hatgas has offered the program since the early 90's, and is the Assistant Athletic Director for Rhodes as well as the Senior Women's Administrator and Head Tennis Coach. She recently hosted the first Annual PaSaRyu Black Belt Seminar, and is hosting the 50th Anniversary Kang Rhee St. Jude Tournament May 3rd.



Classes are held at the Bryan Campus Life Center, in the martial Arts Activity Room upstairs. There are actually several rooms, all with hardwood floors and mirrored walls, perfect for the class to split into smaller groups for concentrated study. Master

Phoenix's program is focused on kata, so it is a great opportunity to learn new forms or brush up on old ones that you haven't trained in a while. The class is open to all ranks, and is popular with Instructors, so there is almost always someone there that will happily work with you, regardless of your rank. As Grandmaster Rhee would say, there is "wonderful spirit" in her class, a real sense of family and honor.

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6pm to 7pm and Saturdays from 3pm to 4pm, unless the Campus is closed for holiday. You want to be sure to arrive

early to get through Campus Security, who are also very helpful in giving directions, but prepare for a few minutes at the gate. The most convenient entrance is on

University Drive off of North Parkway. Rhodes collects a nominal \$20 activity fee per semester, or about every three months.

**Do you have a tournament or other PaSaRyu event you want to promote?**

**Want your students promotions included in coming issues ?**

**Please submit for the next issue to :  
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### Grand Master Rhee's Corner

*"Success is neither magical nor mysterious. Success is the natural consequence of consistently applying the basic fundamentals."*

*~Jim Rhohn*