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Marc Abrams

Yesterday, 09:59 AM

Join Date: Apr 2006

Posts: 1,979

dps

Offline

Doio: Aikido Arts of Shin Budo Kai/ Bedford Hills, New York Location: New York Join Date: May 2006 Posts: 905

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Dan Harden wrote:

Ask the organizers to respond and let them know their official response or notice of lack thereof, will be posted in public here. Dan

Sent EVERYONE on that list an e-mail. No response yet. Somehow not surprised. If they are thinking at the ostrich defense will work in this matter, they are very much mistaken.

marc abrams

Quote:

http://www.aasbk.com



#77

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

Dan Harden wrote:

Rule of law is obfuscating the key point here. Convicted or no, guilty or no, Saito made a decision - perhaps made on better information the pundits here are aware of- and declared him Hammon. To have him reappear at a memorial strains the bounds of decency.

It states on the brochure that their intent is presenting the beautiful pedagogy of Saito!!

Ala Klickstein?? The site address http://www.taai.it/ Contacts page.

http://www.taai.it/index.php?option=...mid=86&lang=en

Email for Dojo info@taai.it

It would be better for those who will not attend for that reason, to let them know in advance. If people here are offended make your "offense" mean

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something. Someone draft a petition and offer it in a form for electric signature, send it to the organizers well in advance.

To do nothing but belly ache is a hollow gesture. Petition, show up and picket, threaten to picket...do something to let them know it will not be tolerated. Let them know that every teacher who apears on that stage will be recorded and made known themselves. Send letters -well in advance-to those teachers individually. Call them. They may not know and may thank you for it.

A much saner approach to solving the problem.

dps

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#78

Yesterday, 10:08 AM

Hellis

Dojo: Ellis Schools of Traditional

Aikido

Location: Bracknell Join Date: Feb 2010 Posts: 450



Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

I note from the event poster the teachers on the day are all European except for two Americans, being Mr Klickstein and Mr Witt.

I am sure that most students in Europe are unfamiliar with the background of Mr Klickstein as I was until this thread started so I doubt any questions would be raised over here.

Is there any association in Aikido or past friendship between Mr Klickstein and Mr Witt ? If so ? that could be the reason he is attending.

If any of the senior Aikidoka on here such as George are in contact with Mr Witt maybe he could clarify the matter ?

Henry Ellis

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#79

Yesterday, 10:09 AM

Cliff Judge

Dojo: Aikido Shobukan Dojo Location: Columbia, MD Join Date: Sep 2005 Poete: 232

Posts: 232
Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote: 💟

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dps

Than what?



#80

Yesterday, 10:14 AM

dps

Join Date: Apr 2006 Posts: 1,979 Offline Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

Mary Eastland wrote:

David, I understand what you are saying here. However, the behavior in question is not one that goes away. Offenders continue to offend. I applaud the conversation here. Often such behavior is denied and protected by organizations. No one will speak out.

I know and understand the aspects of situations like this one.

Quote:

Mary Eastland wrote:

Here, men are speaking out...good for them and good for the people that were victimized.

How is publicly discussing this good for the victims?. Were the victims asked. Did they consent to the public discussion?

Quote:

Mary Eastland wrote:

They are not just victims. They are people that were hurt and are healing.

Then lets put their feelings and welfare first.

George could have contacted the organizer of the event and expressed his concerns to them. He could have phoned, emailed or any number of ways to spread the word privately in the Aikido community about this.

dps

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#81

Yesterday, 10:14 AM

DH



Join Date: Aug 2005 Posts: 2,446

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

Marc Abrams wrote:

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marc abrams

These things are not done casually. The organizers are responsible for due diligence. Those who did the credentialing / vetting were most assuredly aware and may have a prepared response. It is worth noting in any email that the listed membership and readership of Aikiweb can approach 50,000 people here. Not to mention word of mouth.

It's also worth letting them know that teachers here stand in rooms with Aikido teachers from all over the world and will make their names known and the actions of the Iwama style known.

Dan

Last edited by DH: Yesterday at 10:17 AM.

Through change, ten thousand endings But only through one theory The union of opposites



#82

Yesterday, 10:37 AM

Cliff Judge

Dojo: Aikido Shobukan Dojo Location: Columbia, MD Join Date: Sep 2005 Posts: 232

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

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Quote:

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A prominent Aikido instructor and senior American student of Saito Sensei is accused of sexually assaulting multiple underaged students over the course of years.

This results in Saito Sensei revoking his rank and expelling him from Aikido.

Some years later this instructor is apparently going to teach at a seminar dedicated to the memory of Saito Sensei, as though his rank was not revoked and as though Saito had not declared the man dead to him.

You seem to have a real problem with George bringing this up in a public forum. Why is that?



#83

Yesterday, 10:51 AM

dps

Join Date: Apr 2006 Posts: 1,979 Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

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#84

Yesterday, 10:59 AM

kewms

Join Date: Aug 2002 Posts: 262 Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

The seminar is a public event. Why shouldn't public events be discussed in a public forum?

Given that none of the victims has been mentioned by name, I don't see how their interests enter into the discussion. Should the privacy of victims make it impossible to discuss the actions of any offender, ever? Isn't that exactly how offenders are able to continue their predatory behavior for years, even after getting caught?

I doubt that anyone here applies a vigorous "rule of law" standard to their personal, or even business relationships. If you knew no more than has been presented here, would you let this person teach your children? It's one thing to say a person shouldn't go to jail, quite another to let him into your own circles.

Katherine



#85

Yesterday, 11:04 AM

DH



Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

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Where are there names mentioned?

Feelings? You've got to be serious.

How about telling them that he has his rank back and no one objected.

You go first. Go see the families.

Tell them your idea was to privately object and mine was to organize thousands of people to publicly object. Then let me know how it works out for ya and what they all think of your idea!!

Good grief!

Most people know that silence and or privately objecting is \underline{not} the way to improve things. I think you should reconsider your view.

Look, as it is, we do not know the facts. So the issue remains one of impropriety regarding the revocation of rank and what it looks like as being representative of the communities own standards.

If someone is more comfortable that they do know enough of the facts, here is another example of a tactic;

Write a notice to the local papers, and womens groups, and then send copies of those to the organizers as well. It says more to see positive action taken by the community within the community, to police it's own, then to be found negligent or uncaring and shame all.

Dan

Last edited by DH: Yesterday at 11:17 AM.

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Yesterday, 11:14 AM
Chris Covington

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

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I think it is very important to know about sex offenders, their locations and their

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#86

Location: Baltimore, MD Join Date: Sep 2005 Posts: 64 habits/how the operate. Our unit does SORT (sex offender registry team) and we verify the location of every registered offended in our county multiple times per year (I think there are 617 of them right now). This process draws a great deal of attention to them, too. We park a marked car in their driveway or right in front of their house and we show up in uniform. We stay on their front porch for the interview and as you can imagine the neighbors all pop their heads out. If they are not home we knock on the neighbor's door and explain to them why we are there and if they can verify if the offender lives next door. These are all convicted offenders.

The very scary part is that these people are almost always known to the victim and often a friend of the family. The predators often vet their targets for certain characteristics and then groom them long before any abuse occurs. This can go on for a long time and even very good parents never have a clue. We as society have some level of responsibility to monitor them and protect ourselves from them (hence the reason they have to register their location with the state).

Chris Covington Daito-ryu aikijujutsu Kashima Shinden Jikishinkage-ryu kenjutsu



#87

Yesterday, 11:18 AM

dps

Join Date: Apr 2006 Posts: 1,979 Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

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dps

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#88

Yesterday, 11:24 AM

Budd +



Dojo: Taikyoku Aikido Location: Williamsville, NY Join Date: Aug 2003 Posts: 747

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

Henry Ellis wrote:

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Henry Ellis
Aikido Articles

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Yesterday, 11:37 AM

George S. Ledyard + Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

#89



Dojo: Aikido Eastside Location: Bellevue, WA Join Date: Jun 2000 Posts: 2,407 Offline Quote:

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George S. Ledyard Aikido Eastside Bellevue, WA Aikido Eastside



#90

Yesterday, 11:38 AM

vjw

Location: Rochester, NY Join Date: Sep 2004

Posts: 60
Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote:

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dps

Should we check in each time with all the living 9/11 victims before we discuss publicly the terrorists that did it?

Personally, my priority is preventing even one more victim joining their group.



#91

Yesterday, 11:41 AM

George S. Ledyard → Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

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Dojo: Aikido Eastside Location: Bellevue, WA Quote:

Budd Yuhasz wrote:

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Join Date: Jun 2000 Posts: 2,407 Offline

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Not only recent and raw but a new student, still enthusiastic and perhaps idealistic about the art would have been about the last person one would talk to about something so negative. I certainly didn't with my students. It was taken care of and we got back to the rather more fun business of training, which is what I hope happens here.

Last edited by akiy: Yesterday at 12:11 PM. Reason: Fixed quote tag

George S. Ledyard Aikido Eastside Bellevue, WA Aikido Eastside



#92

Yesterday, 11:43 AM

Toby Threadgill

Location: Evergreen, Colorado Join Date: Oct 2006

Posts: 150
Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Hello David,

Can you please show me where the privacy of the victims has been abridged? You do realize that some of the most vociferous condemnation of this event is coming from people who are personal friends with the victims and know their feelings on the subject.

The perpetrators of child rape count on shame to sweep it under the rug. Sweeping an incident like this under the rug is exactly what creates an atmosphere where this sort of thing can occur again. Shining a light on this crime is what both prevents future victimization and empowers all victims to turn shame away from themselves and towards the perpetrator, where it belongs.

Toby Threadgill



#93

Yesterday, 11:44 AM

dps Join Date: Apr 2006 Posts: 1,979 Offline Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

George S. Ledyard wrote:

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Thank You George.

Those that were hurt come first.

dps

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Yesterday, 11:51 AM

#94

Hellis

Dojo: Ellis Schools of Traditional

Aikido

Location: Bracknell Join Date: Feb 2010 Posts: 450

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

Budd Yuhasz wrote: 🛐

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Budd

Thank you for that information it explains some of the questions I had.

Regards

Henry Ellis British Aikido

http://britishaikido.blogspot.com/



Yesterday, 11:55 AM

kewms

Join Date: Aug 2002 Posts: 262 Offline Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote: 💟

It is simple.

Burn his books.

Judge and convict him of crimes not yet committed.

Mark with a scarlet letter.

Declared him a nonperson.

If I recall correctly, Hester Prynne *was* guilty of the act for which she was given the Scarlet Letter. And it was the other characters in the story who were ultimately destroyed by their guilt.

Katherine



#96

Yesterday, 12:48 PM

rulemaker

Dojo: Aikido Philippines Join Date: Feb 2005 Posts: 110 Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Words Of Wisdom From Saito Sensei:

Saito-sensei was a perfect gentleman at all times, and set a sterling example for us. He was especially proper with his female students.

One day he took several of us aside and gave us two pieces of advice for conduct as Aikido instructors.

- 1. Don't try to make a living teaching Aikido.
- 2. Don't fool around with your female students.

History has shown the wisdom of this advice.

http://www.iwama-aikido.com/iwamawisdom.html



Yesterday, 01:35 PM

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Shadowfax

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Dojo: Allegheny Aikido, Pitsburgh PA Location: Pittsburgh PA Join Date: May 2009 Posts: 676

Offline

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote:

All that I am asking is that for the sake of the victims that some of you know were the asked how they felt about opening this up to a public discussion.

Having been a victim, although not specifically of this person, let me just say this. If someone were to publicly stand up as Ledyard sensei is doing along with the many others, to make certain that my abusers were not just welcomed back as if they had never done anything wrong, I would not only not be upset about it but I personally would have to thank them for it.

Too many people want to just close their eyes and pretend not to see or pretend it didn't happen. To me it is very encouraging to see that the aikido community looks after its own and does not just sweep things like this under the proverbial rug.

I heard about this person not long after I began training. I would never want to find myself on the mat with such a person. I have been in the situation of having to interact with my abusers long after the events. When everyone else just conveniently "forgot" about it or made it out to be less than it really was. That is a far worse thing to have to deal with than seeing public evidence that those who are considered family really do care and really are looking out for us in a situation that would be very difficult for those of us in that situation to confront on our own.

Anyway I just want to say THANK YOU to those who are stepping up to see that the right thing is done. You all help to strengthen my faith in humanity.

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Yesterday, 01:44 PM

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Dojo: Kenshinkan Dojo (Aikido of North County) Vista, CA Location: Oceanside, California Join Date: Oct 2000

Posts: 851 Offline Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

After years as a member of the California Sexual Assault Investigator's Association, I'm with Ledyard Sensei here. On top of the personal conduct involved, the fact that he was disowned by Saito Sensei strongly suggests that Mr. Klickstein shouldn't have been invited in the first place.

The other instructors have a serious problem on their hands. Assuming that they didn't know the backstory when they agreed to participate, they've given their word to attend and teach. They are faced with violating their personal bond by not participating, or being in the same room with someone of such poor repute. It seems the best solution would be for the organizers to rescind their invitation to Mr. Klickstein. That would quickly correct what I consider to be a serious error in

judgment.

Michael

"Leave the gun. Bring the cannoli."



#99

Yesterday, 01:57 PM

SeiserL



Dojo: Tenshinkai Aikido (CA) Aikikai Location: Roswell (GA) Budokan Join Date: Jun 2000 Posts: 3,301

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Quote:

David Skaggs wrote:

How is publicly discussing this good for the victims?. Were the victims asked. Did they consent to the public discussion?

The vicitms names are not being disclosed and they are not personally the submject of this thread.

From 30 years of professionally working with victims, I feel assured they would feel supported and reassured that people have not forgotten or changed our stance about what happened to them. It was wrong then and is wrong now.

IMHO, a strong victim advocacy position is to take a stand against any abuse of power, position, and authority.

Silence (rationalizing or minimizing) does not help anyone. It is part of the problem.

Zero-tolerance, a long memory, and a loud stance is in everyone's mutual best interest.

Lvnn Seiser PhD SandanTenshinkai Aikido & FMA/JKD

We do not rise to the level of our expectations, but fall to the level of our training. Train well. KWATZ!



#100

Yesterday, 02:30 PM

Marc Abrams

Dojo: Aikido Arts of Shin Budo Kai/ Bedford Hills, New York Location: New York Join Date: May 2006 Posts: 905

Offline

Re: Bruce Klickstein Teaching Again?

Bill Witt Sensei has replied to my private e-mail to him. I frankly think that his response to me indicated a true lack of depth of knowledge of Bruce's actions and his having been convinced that Bruce was simply interested in seeing old friends. Bill seems like an honorable man who is open to discussing things. I would strongly encourage people to e-mail him directly at :

Bill Witt [wwittsensei@mindspring.com]

I think that the more of us that speak directly to the participants, the greater likelihood we have of seeing this potential travesty not occur.

I am no longer a practicing Jew and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) is coming up. There is one portion of prayer in which we ask for forgiveness for the sin of not acting. I for one, cannot sit silently to somehow seek forgiveness for a lack of moral action at some later date. Our community has a wonderful opportunity to stand up and speak out for what is right in this matter.

Marc Abrams

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