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Former Resident and Olympic Gold Medalist Ginny Duenkel Joins West Orange Mayor Robert Parisi to Celebrate 50th Anniversary Win

Municipal Pool Named After Swimming Legend Who Blazed Trail for Women in Sports

July 7, 2014 – WEST ORANGE, NJ – West Orange Mayor Robert D. Parisi invites the community to attend a celebration of the 50th anniversary of former resident Ginny Duenkel Fuldner's Olympic gold medal win. The event will take place at the municipal pool, located at 60 Cherry Street, on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 11 AM. The event will include the dedication of the new pool spray pad and a ceremonial swim meet.

The town pool is named after Duenkel, who was a senior at West Orange High School when she attended the [1964 Summer Olympics](#) in [Tokyo, Japan](#). She won a gold medal for her first-place finish in the [women's 400-meter freestyle](#) and received a bronze medal for her third-place performance in the women's 100-meter backstroke. In 1985, she was inducted into the [International Swimming Hall of Fame](#) as an "Honor Swimmer."

The event will begin at 11 AM as the new baby pool spray pad, which was installed this year, will be dedicated to Dennis and Timothy O'Boyle. At 11:30 AM there will be a ceremonial swim meet with the West Orange Wave summer swim team. At 12:30 PM Mayor Parisi will then host a buffet luncheon at the Elks Club, 424 Main Street, followed by cake and coffee.

The Ginny Duenkel Pool is open every day during the summer. There are three pools on site, the large main pool, a baby pool and a diving pool. For information about hours and membership options, go to www.westorange.org.

"West Orange is so proud that former Olympian Ginny Duenkel grew up right here in town and went on to become a trailblazer for women athletes in all sports, not just swimming," Parisi said. "It is an honor that she was able to return to the pool that we named after her to celebrate the anniversary of her Olympic gold medal win."

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