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Team from New Hampshire, that produced Olympic Great Jenny Thompson

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# 28 Days Left Till 2013 Induction Weekend

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE INDUCTION WEEKEND May 9-12, 2013



2013 promises to be the most fantastic Honoree Weekend in the history of the ISHOF. We are happy to announce that Hall of Famer John Naber will be our MC at the Induction Ceremonies. John will also join his former teammates in a 40th Anniversary reunion of participants in the 1st FINA World Championships, Belgrade 1973.

Among the special events not to be missed:

- 49th Annual Induction Class
- 2013 Paragon Awards
- 1st Annual "Esther Awards"
- USA China Exchange Reunions
- Chinese Swimming History Exhibit
- 1st FINA World Championship Reunion
- 2013 FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix

For more information on the 2013 Induction and to buy tickets, <u>click here:</u>

### Shanghai Delegation visits ISHOF

Mr. Chen Yiping, Deputy Director of the Shanghai Sports Administration stopped





Falk Lippmann and Gesine Schoenreich from Germany visit ISHOF. Gesine and Hall of Famer Karen Metchuk trained in the same pool. She has won multiple German National Lifeguard Championships.



New FinMen Swim Club from New York.



Catalina O'Toole, proud niece of ISHOF's Water Polo Honoree Maureen O'Toole

#### **OBITUARIES**

Karen Muir (deGraad) Passes Away at 60 - Swimming's Youngest World Record Setter Succumbs to Breast Cancer

by ISHOF for a tour of the Museum and exchange of gifts on March 18.





The Shanghai Sports Museum and Sports Administration and ISHOF signed a mutual collaboration agreement in 2011 and worked together on the World Swimming History exhibition for the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships in Shanghai.

#### SPLASH Premiere Gets High Scores

The network's "Diving With the Stars" delivered 8.8 million viewers and a healthy 2.6 rating among adults 18-49. Splash came in second place at 8 p.m., beating the second week of Fox's Hell's Kitchen and was topped only in the hour by CBS' NCIS. The numbers were big enough to make Splash the top unscripted series debut on broadcast TV since Fox's The X Factor first premiered in 2011. It also doubles the rating of Fox's quickie version of the same concept (Stars in Danger: The High Dive) that was hustled out in January before Splash could hit the air.

For more information and footage from previous 4 episodes, click here:

# Don't miss SPLASH on ABC, Tuesdays, at 8:00 pm!

### Bruce Wigo visits Chen Gongcheng

Bruce Wigo recently visited with Chen Gongcheng and his wife, Yang Yuqiong, In Pasadena, California, to learn first hand about the history of swimming in the People's Republic of China. Coach Chen and his wife were among the swimmers who made up the first National Team in the newly formed People's Republic of



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Fort Lauderdale - Born in Kimberely, South

Africa, on September 16, 1952, Karen Muir became the youngest world record holder any time in any sport when she knocked seventenths of a second off Linda Ludgrove's 110 yd. backstroke world record in England, at the A.S.A. National



Jr. Championships on the 10th of August, 1965. Karen's age was 12 years, 10 months, 25 days. Between 1965 and 1969 she was world queen of the backstroke and her 100 meter world record was not broken until 1973. More:

#### Robert E. "Bob" Johnson



passed away on March 11, 2013. For most of his 97 years, Bob was involved in swimming. At Hillhouse High School, he won the Connecticut Inter-

Scholastic Championships in the 50y and 100y freestyle. At Mercersburg Prep, he set a national prep school record. Finally, at Ohio State University, he became team captain and won the NCAA Team Championship in 1938, 1939 and 1940. He also won the Cross Harbor Swim in New Haven many times. Since 1948, he had organized and conducted the American Red Cross Water Safety Program for Hamden, teaching some 927 classes with 28,000 students and issuing 20,000 certifications with an additional 2,000 water safety instructor badges. More:

#### **Quick Links**

China in the early 1950s. ISHOF will have a special exhibit on Chinese swimming history in honor of the first Chinese swimmers to be inducted into the Hall.



#### New Acquisitions

#### Frank Heckl's blazer

Dr. Frank Heckl was one of the Ambassadors on the historic Friendship Through Sports Exchange to the People's Republic of China, in 1973. This blazer was part of the official uniform worn by the team. ISHOF will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this historic exchange at this year's induction ceremony



with many of the participants from both the USA and China attending.

#### What would Ryan Lochte Do?



Set to Air in April, Swimming Star Ryan Lochte will star in his own Reality TV show on the "E" network. E! Entertainment president Suzanne Kolb said, "He is an incredibly endearing personality who is sexy, entertaining and fun. Watching this show, I believe people will fall into three categories: they want to be him, sleep with him or mother him."

# Don't miss the debut - April 21st on E!

#### NOW DIGITAL: The 2013 YEARBOOK!

For the first time you can view ISHOF's 2013 yearbook online. Please follow the link and allow the page to load. Depending on the speed of your internet, it may take up to several minutes.

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