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Orinda Olympian Honored



Heather Petri and Orinda Vice Mayor Amy Worth smile in front of the new Tesla Model S. Photo Ohlen Alexander

Orinda's own golden girl, Heather Petri, was given a rousing welcome at Orinda's 8th Annual Classic Car Show. Vice Mayor Amy Worth presented the Miramonte grad and four-time Olympic medalist in Water Polo (2000, 2004, 2008, 2012) with a proclamation declaring September 22, 2012 as Heather Petri Day for her gold medal-winning performance at the 2012 London Olympics.

Petri's swimming career began in Orinda at Moraga Valley Pool. She was a founding member of the Miramonte High School Women's Water Polo team, which won the North Coast Section title her senior year. She went on to UC Berkeley, becoming an All-American athlete and captain of the Women's Water Polo team.

On Sunday Petri will swim from under the Golden Gate Bridge to Crissy Field as part of a Swim Across America event to raise money for cancer research, prevention and treatment. She is also actively involved in Right to Play and Athletes for Hope, which provide athletic and leadership opportunities to disadvantaged youth. L. Snyder

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