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Monday, February 4th, 7:00 p.m. at Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S State St.

A Panel Discussion from local Olympic athletes, including:

- Terry Dischinger: 1960 Olympics in basketball
- Alison Gregorka: 2008 Olympics in water polo
- Je Kyoung Kim: 1992 Olympics in Taekwondo

Chad Carter, KOIN TV news anchor, will lead discussion points including their motivation for striving towards Olympic excellence, what it was like attending the Olympics, and their current involvement in their sport of choice.

You can find more about the panel here:

[Terry Dischinger](#)

[Chad Carter](#)

Athletics Hall of Fame (1999) and the Basketball Hall of Fame (2010) along with his 1960 gold medal teammates.



Terry Dischinger, 1960 Olympics in basketball, gold medal:

Dr. Terry Dischinger was voted best all-around athlete of the 20th century from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Terry was born in Anderson, Indiana on November 21, 1940. His father, who died in 1988, was an all-around athlete at Indiana Arsenal Tech High School and Indiana University. His mother was an elite softball player as a

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youth in Madison, Indiana. In his first baby pictures, Terry was in a crib holding a football. The Dischingers moved to Terre Haute in 1944 when Donas accepted a position as a teacher and football coach at Garfield High School, reuniting with Willard Kehrt, an Indiana University teammate. Kehrt had been coaching basketball at Garfield High School since 1938.

In 7th grade, Terry was banned from participating in basketball due to a perceived heart murmur, though he was allowed to participate the following year. This experience changed Terry's life. School became much more important, because he learned sports could end at anytime. Terry was a key member of the Terre Haute Babe Ruth league baseball team that won the 1955 World title. He earned four letters each in football, baseball and, and track. Baseball was not played during the school year because of the focus on track and developing speed for the other sports. Ultimately, Terry earned regional and state honors in all of these sports. During the summer of 1957, Terry was a member of Terre Haute's American Legion State Championship baseball squad and in 1958 was on the Connie Mack Regional Championship baseball team. He was a two-time all-state football end and a state finalist in two track events as a senior. Terry achieved national renown in basketball by being selected Star of Stars at the annual 1958 Indiana-Kentucky all-star classic and being named a Parade Magazine High School Athlete. He was also a valedictorian of his high school class. Terry was the first Terre Haute athlete to win two consecutive McMillan awards for outstanding High School athlete. The Garfield basketball team only lost one game during Terry's senior year and were awarded number one team of the year.

Terry majored in chemical engineering at Purdue. For basketball there, he was a three-time Big Ten scoring champion: averaging 37.8 points per game during his college career. He was also a three-time college All-American. As a 19-year-old sophomore, Terry reunited with Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, Jerry Lucas and Walt Bellamy to form "the greatest amateur basketball team ever assembled" to play for the US basketball team in Rome, Italy and take home the gold. He was chosen by the Chicago Zephyrs in the 1962 NBA draft.

In 1962, Terry married Mary Duncan of Lafayette, Indiana and Purdue University. They had three children—Kelly (Loomis), Terry Junior and Bill, and are now the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. In 1963, Terry was named NBA Rookie of the year. In 1963, 1964 and 1965, Terry was selected to play in the NBA All-Star Game. After fulfilling a two-year ROTC commitment to the army, he returned to play six more years in the NBA, spending his last season with the Portland Trail Blazers in 1972-1973. After retiring from the NBA, Terry attended dental school full time at Tennessee Dental School, where he earned a D.D.S and graduated at the top of his class. The Dischinger family then moved back to Portland, Oregon as that is where they had decided they wanted to make their permanent home. They settled in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Terry then got his M.S. in orthodontics at the Oregon Health Science Center in 1977 and became an internationally recognized lecturer in orthodontics. Terry and Bill Dischinger now maintain a successful practice in Lake Oswego.

So far Terry has been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame (1989), the National High School Sports Hall of Fame (1995), the Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame (1999) and the Basketball Hall of Fame (2010) along with his 1960 gold medal teammates.



Alison Gregorka, 2008 Olympics in water polo, silver medal:

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Alison Gregorka was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She started swimming at the age of 5 and also played soccer and basketball, ran track and dove. She attended Pioneer High School (1999-2003) where she swam and played water polo all four years. Her senior year she captained both teams. In 2001, as a sophomore, she made the Youth National Team (18 and under), which marked the beginning of her international career. The following year she moved up to the Junior National Team (20 and under) and won the 2002 Jr. Pan-American Games and a silver medal at the 2003 Jr. World Championships.

Alison then moved to California, attending Stanford University with a water polo scholarship. During her time at Stanford, the team made it to the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Championships all four years, bringing back two second place finishes and two third place finishes. While she was at Stanford, she continued to play on the Junior National Team, winning the 2004 Jr. Pan-American Games and 2005 Jr. World Championships. In the summer of 2006, Alison earned a spot on the Senior National Team, which later went on a record breaking 35 game winning streak, and brought home gold at the 2007 World Championships. She returned to school and completed her senior year as captain of the Stanford team, graduating in June of 2007 with an Urban Studies degree.

Alison then moved to Seal Beach, CA where she and the team went into full time training. In the summer of 2007, the team qualified for the Olympics by winning the Pan-American games. After being named to the Olympic team on her birthday in 2008, she traveled to Beijing alongside her teammates and won a silver medal. Following the Olympics, she returned to California and continued to play water polo for one more year, bringing home a second World Championship from Rome in 2009. Alison then retired from water polo, earned her teaching credential at Long Beach State, got married, and moved to Oregon. She now lives in Lake Oswego with her husband, Erik Knoedler, and coaches the Lake Oswego High School and club water polo teams and substitute teaches in the district



Je Gyoung Kim, 1992 Olympics in Taekwondo, gold medal:



Master Je Gyoung Kim holds a 7th degree black belt from the World Taekwondo Federation in Korea. He holds more gold medals in international competition in taekwondo sparring than any other practitioner of the art ever.

His achievements include:

1992-Olympic Gold Medalist in Barcelona

1993-World Championship Gold Medalist in New York

1994-Asian Games Gold Medalist in Japan (held every 4th year)

1995-World Championship Gold Medalist in Philippines

1997-World Championship Gold Medalist in Hong Kong

(World Championships are held every 2 years so his three wins are consecutive)

1998-World Cup Gold Medalist in Egypt

1998 Asian Games Gold Medalist in Bangkok Thailand

He was captain of the 2000 Olympic Team in Sydney Australia.

Master Kim has been practicing taekwondo since he was 7 years old and has been competing in international competition since 1991.

He holds a Master's Degree in Physical Education.

He retired from competition in 2000 and moved to the USA where he now owns and operates 3 successful "World Champion Taekwondo" schools (two in Lake Oswego and one in West Linn).

Master Kim often says "Taekwondo is my life". He wishes to share the benefits of taekwondo with the community. Taekwondo is not just about learning technical skills. It is about acquiring life skills like confidence, respect and courtesy that help make us better people and better citizens of our community.

He lives in Lake Oswego with his wife and three young children, two of whom attend Oak Creek Elementary School.

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