



In 1959, Rena “Rusty” Kanokogi was disqualified and stripped of the gold medal she won in her weight division at the New York State YMCA Judo Championships after it was discovered that she was a woman.

She went on to excel in the sport, earning fame as the “Mother of Women’s Judo”.

On Friday, August 21, 2009, the YMCA of Greater New York will be presenting Rusty Kanokogi with the medal that she rightfully earned 50 years ago.

**You Are Cordially Invited to a  
Presentation 50 Years in the Making**

Please join us at the  
**Rena “Rusty” Kanokogi  
YMCA Gold Medal Luncheon**

on

Friday, August 21st  
from 11:00am–1:00pm

at the

Prospect Park YMCA Rooftop  
357 Ninth Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

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