

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cold Spring Harbor

Interactive initiative

To educate mental health professionals, Cold Spring Harbor resident and collaborative divorce attorney Kim Ciesinski, presented an interactive program to a group of Long Island social workers and clinical psychologists. Often considered first responders for people going through a divorce, Ciesinski enlightened the group about the benefits of collaborative divorce; how to determine who is an appropriate candidate; and the unique team approach.

"Divorce is a psychological process with legal implications," Ciesinski, partner at Schwartz & Ciesinski, Garden City, said. "With litigation, the kids end up suffering the most and negative emotions are reinforced during and after the divorce." Using a collaborative approach, everyone is a winner as the couple creates their own settlement through the help of an interdisciplinary trained team of two lawyers, a financial advisor and psychologist. This process is unlike mediation where the couple is on their own with a professional guiding them along the way.



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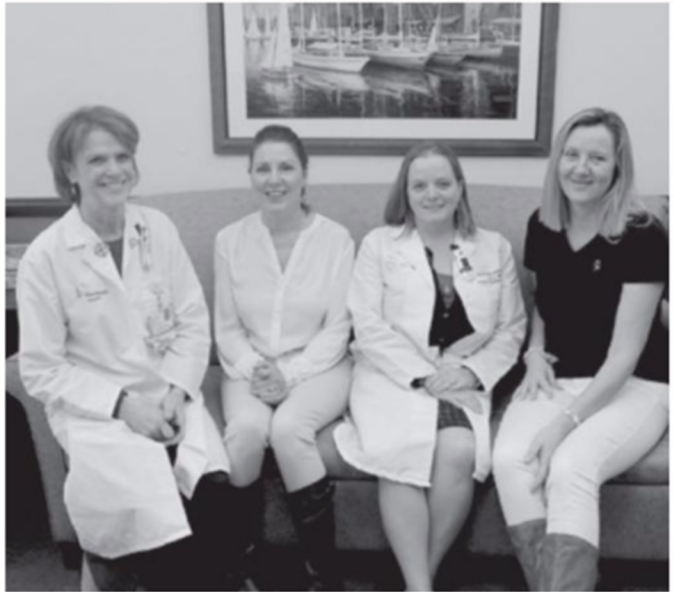


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Boom

Supervisor Frank Petrone (D) delivered welcoming remarks April 27 at the opening session of the BOOM Business Network's B2B Expo and Executive Speaker Conference, held at the Hilton Long Island.

In addressing the group, Petrone highlighted the most unusual feature of the expo: linking attendance at the event's nine breakout conferences to individual Long Island charities, with the admission fee for each session going directly to a not-for-profit. Those organizations are "...the

safety net for our community that picks up where government leaves off," Petrone said. He also noted that businesses can increase their success by linking to organizations that serve the community.

Petrone congratulated BOOM's founder and president, Commack attorney Frank Gargano, for creating an event that attracted more than 2,000 people and a networking group whose membership ranks are growing. The supervisor joined the other officials and BOOM board members afterward in cutting a ribbon to open the business expo.

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Sun safety

Councilwoman Susan A. Berland (D) urged residents to protect their skin during a special presentation entitled "Melanoma Prevention: Avoiding the Dangers of Tanning" at Huntington Town Hall. This program will be available on the Town's television channel and website very soon. The video will also be shared with communities throughout New York state to educate residents about how to protect themselves from the dangers of tanning and the sun.

"I was first diagnosed with skin cancer

about eight years ago after I noticed an irregular mole on my lower back that turned out to be a precancerous dysplastic nevus," Berland said. "As a kid I spent many days in the summer at the beach wearing sunscreen with little or no protection. I didn't realize how much damage I would do to my body and just recently had my eighth procedure. This program helped all of us realize how serious skin protection is, educated us about the dangers of both tanning outdoors and in the tanning booth and taught us how to detect skin cancer at an early stage."