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Join us in celebrating local women's successes

As you know, March is Women's History Month, honoring the contributions of women to history, culture and society. Did you know that women in the United States of America could not own property until 1862? You probably know from all the recent centennial publicity that women are able to vote only since 1920. But did you know that a woman could not have a credit card in her name until 1974? Now that is a startling statistic because it is not plucked from the dustbins of history but rather, for us of a certain age, a contemporary one. After all, I started The Village Times, the first newspaper of Times Beacon Record News Media, on April 8, 1976. Getting a credit card then, whether for business or personal use, was a big complicated deal and how to run a business without one?



BY LEAH S. DUNAIEF

You might say we women in the workplace have indeed come a long way. And even though women still earn only 82 cents for every dollar men earn, we can be pleased with our success so far. I'm saying "pleased," but not yet "satisfied."

Women's History Month grew out of Women's History Week, first celebrated in Sonoma County, California, in 1978 to acknowledge the singular contributions of women that had been largely ignored in most history books. The idea spread to other communities and President Jimmy Carter adapted it by presidential proclamation to a national observance in

1980. Since 1987, it has been celebrated annually by congressional resolution for the entire month of March in the United States, made to overlap International Women's Day on March 8.

In 1972, there were 402,000 women-owned businesses in the United States. As of 2021 there were some 12.3 million women-owned businesses in the U. S., according to the National Association of Women Business Owners and they generated 1.8 trillion dollars a year. The 2024 Wells Fargo Impact of Women Owned Business Report in partnership with Venturemeer CoreWoman and Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) states that women-owned businesses continue to significantly fuel the economy, representing 39.1% of all businesses - over 14 million - employing 12.2 million workers and generating over 2.7 trillion dollars in revenue. Between 2019 - 2023, women-owned businesses increased at nearly double the rate of those owned by men and from 2022 - 2023 the rate of growth increased 4.5 times.

We want to call your attention to these female success stories on a local level. You probably don't think of who owns the business when you shop in a store or use a service, nor should you. We women have proven ourselves adept at business and professional management, and seek nothing more than the same opportunities to support ourselves, our families, our employees, and to serve the public that men have enjoyed over the centuries.

Still, considering how far we have come today, we can't be faulted in any demonstration of business success, such as in this section, for having a little extra gleam in our eye.



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Women have been changing the legal landscape since 1869, the year that Arabella Mansfield became the first female lawyer in the United States, and 1886, the year that Kate Stoneman was admitted as the first female lawyer in New York State. Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. is proud to carry this torch. As a women-owned business, a central focus of our mission is to support our attorneys and all team members at work and at home to reach their fullest potential.

We are proud that our partner, Hon. Gail Prudenti was one of the first women elected to the New York State Supreme Court from Suffolk County, the first woman Surrogate of Suffolk County, and the first female Presiding Justice of Second Department appellate court in New York.

It is encouraging to see that women now outnumber men in the law school ranks, but we have farther to go, graduating from law school is only the beginning. Supporting women as they navigate their careers, in law or any other industry, is still as important as ever before. Real mentorship is vital to this promotion of both women and men throughout their careers. Mentors are vital to career development to provide a sounding board as opportunities and challenges arise. Mentors for an attorney can often be found within your own firm or organization, through alumni

groups, or through Bar Association membership. At Burner Prudenti Law we believe it is our obligation to be mentors to the next generation of lawyers.

As attorneys who are mothers, sisters, daughters, wives and friends, we counsel our clients with competency and compassion; meeting a client where they are and supporting them in difficult times when they need it most. Women are the backbone of our communities and Burner Prudenti Law is here as an ally.

In addition to supporting women within our own organization and through mentorship, Burner Prudenti Law also supports women with our community partnerships and philanthropic initiatives. Through our partnership with Northwell Health's Katz Institute of Women's Health, we have committed time, energy and resources to the delivery of education and women-centered health care to our communities. We know that women are quite often the caregivers of the family and, as a result, they often fail to properly care for themselves. With this partnership and other endeavors, we will continue to support women at home, at work, and in our communities for many years to come!

- Britt Burner, Esq.

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Nancy Buzzetta
Managing Partner, Competition Auto Group

"I guess if I go waaaaay back in time to when I was in my early to mid 20's, it would be my decision to leave my job in public accounting (I did earn my CPA back then although I'm not current now), and give the car business a try. I really did it more to appease my father than because I had any interest! It's funny how different it turned out to be, than what I had in my mind before I started! I'm much more of a nature and animals person than a machines person, so cars were never really much of a focus for me. Unlike many of my family members starting with my dad who was an internationally acclaimed race car champion who got his foot in the door in this business due to his racing connections! He really did have motor oil running through his veins I think! Turns out, it really is a fascinating business that is kind of like many businesses in one. To someone outside looking in, the obvious parts are car sales and service. But there is so much more to it. Factory and client relations, HR, Inventory management, facilities development and maintenance, marketing, complex accounting, parts and labor inventory and sales, customer satisfaction, information technology, and so much more. It really is like many businesses rolled into one! I did not figure that 30 years later I would still not only be here, but loving it!"



*If you don't see a clear path for what you want,
sometimes you have to make it yourself.*

~ Mindy Kaling

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Stephanie A. Cooper, M.D.

Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and
Dermatology
Various locations

"Plastic surgery is a very dynamic field which is one of the many reasons I happily chose to be a plastic and reconstructive surgeon. Over my 30-year career as the 13th female board-certified plastic surgeon in New York state, I have had the unique experience to personally witness incredible technological and procedural advancements.

Combining these modern modalities has been a key factor in enhancing the patient experience, as I can now offer my patients expanded options that were not previously available. Patients that were not candidates for surgery in the past, can now undergo procedures because of advanced techniques and technology. This powerful evolution has changed the face of our field, as I can now combine my vast experience with a cutting-edge approach to innovate, formulate and execute individualized plans to address each patients' unique needs. I truly chose the perfect field."

Experience Makes the Difference

AT GREENBERG COSMETIC SURGERY AND DERMATOLOGY

RENOWNED PLASTIC SURGEON STEPHEN T. GREENBERG, M.D., F.A.C.S.



has been on the forefront of cosmetic plastic surgery for over 30 years. A champion in the beauty space, Dr. Stephen T. Greenberg has built his reputation by employing the most sophisticated techniques with the latest technology. An icon in cosmetic enhancement and correction, he exceeds the needs of his patient's from today's top stars to the soccer mom and dad next door. He has performed thousands of procedures ranging from breast augmentation, reduction and lifts to tummy tucks, liposuction, face lifts, eyelid lifts, neck lifts, full body lifts, thigh lifts, and cosmetic injectable treatments. His vision of merging dermatology with plastic surgery and med spa services stems from his passion to provide the most comprehensive patient care coupled with an exceptional patient experience under one roof. Dr. Greenberg receives great satisfaction from helping patients reach their aesthetic goals. "Once they are happy with how they look, their entire demeanor changes. It is amazing how important these improvements can be to a patient's state of mind."

STEPHANIE A. COOPER, M.D.



specializes in plastic and reconstructive surgery with over thirty years of experience. She has been on the forefront of breast re-construction and served as the Breast Reconstruction Specialist At Maimonides Medical Center for over a decade. Dr. Cooper offers a wide spectrum of plastic surgery procedures to patients, ranging from breast reductions, breast lifts and breast reconstruction to abdominoplasty and liposuction as well as post-bariatric body procedures including full body lifts, neck lifts and facial surgery. As a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr. Cooper takes great pride in her patient doctor relationships. "I appreciate the opportunity to play an important role in the lives of my patients" states Dr. Cooper as she waves goodbye to her post-surgical patient that happily took a photo op with Dr. Cooper for Instagram. "I truly treasure my patients and take calls from them at all hours, for any reason. I believe that patient care is a priority and combined with my extensive experience, I have been fortunate to provide life changing results coupled with an exceptional experience to my patients. I also work alongside our Dermatologists and Mohs surgeons performing reconstruction and closure for skin cancer patients."

JASON M. WEISSLER, M.D.



ABPS Board Certified in Plastic Surgery helms from the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, the number one hospital in the world, according to U.S. News & World Report and Newsweek. Dr. Weissler gained extensive firsthand experience in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery alongside the nation's leading plastic surgery experts and executes his multidisciplinary experience using the most innovative and advanced surgical techniques in face, eye, and neck lift procedures, facial rejuvenation, rhinoplasty, breast surgery, and body contouring. Dr. Weissler's mission is always to deliver the highest quality results through the latest and most modern techniques. The philosophy that the "needs of the patient come first" has been an integral part of Dr. Weissler's practice. He is passionate about providing exceptional care coupled with an outstanding experience to meet the diverse needs of each patient.

SARAH DONOHUE, PA-C



is a board-certified physician assistant that specializes in cosmetic injectables, PRP (platelet rich plasma) treatments, labiaplasty and vaginal rejuvenation. Sarah utilizes the latest technology available in women's wellness to improve and enhance form and function. She creates strong bonds with her patients who value her comprehensive care and attention to detail. Sarah has been on the forefront of aesthetic treatments for over a decade and provides beautiful and natural results to her loyal patients with her advanced Botox and filler techniques, hair restoration treatments and her modern approach to vaginal wellness.

EVE LUPENKO, M.D., F.A.A.D.



brings over 25 years of experience in medical and cosmetic dermatology to Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology. Dr. Lupenko has received the prestigious Castle Connolly Top Doctor Award as well as the Top Women in Medicine Award. She takes great pride in providing the highest quality patient care to the Long Island community. "After 25 years in the skin care industry, I am very fortunate to offer a full body approach to patient care." Dr. Lupenko specializes in treating an array skin disorders from acne, rosacea and psoriasis to detecting skin cancers. "Many patients require excisions, Mohs surgery, and other office-based procedures where our plastic surgeons perform closures to ensure patients receive continuity of care coupled with optimal results," adds Dr. Lupenko. She provides personalized care to adults, teens and children focusing on skin health and prevention.

JESSICA NEWBURGER, D.O., F.A.A.D.



We are excited to announce the addition of Dr. Jessica Newburger to Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology. Dr. Newburger is a board-certified dermatologist and native Long Islander. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Boston College followed by her medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. She then completed a traditional rotating internship at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow. Dr. Newburger specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of medical dermatological conditions where she performs surgical excisions with complex repairs of both benign and malignant skin neoplasms. Dr. Newburger also has extensive experience with cosmetic procedures including neuromodulators, dermal fillers, lasers, microneedling, and platelet-rich plasma treatments. She is consistently recognized by patients and staff for her personal and compassionate approach to patient care. Dr. Newburger has co-authored multiple research papers and case reports, including a publication in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.

VICTORIA LASALA, PA-C



is a NCCPA board-certified Physician Assistant specializing in dermatology and licensed in New York State. Victoria La Sala is an active member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and a Diplomate Fellow of the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants. Victoria is a highly experienced PA with advanced dermatological training and is excited to treat adult, teen and pediatric patients in all areas of dermatological care.

CHRISTY BROWN, LICENSED MEDICAL AESTHETICIAN



has treated hundreds of men, women and teens at the state-of-the-art med spa at Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology. The wide variety of cutting-edge treatments are designed for maximum results with minimal to zero downtime. Christy treats enlarged pores, texture, fine lines, wrinkles and sun damage with Microneedling and IPL Photo rejuvenation. "Now is also the perfect time to start a series of laser hair removal treatments to be hair free and silky smooth for the summer. Using the latest technology, our Light Sheer laser treats the entire body in only 20 minutes! Treat legs, bikini line and underarms in only a few minutes per treatment! "When asked about non-surgical options for her clients to lift their face and neck and improve the look of their décollete, Christy states; "I use the newest technology combining Radio Frequency with Microneedling to rejuvenate the skin on the face and body. This combination improves skin laxity by building collagen and new skin cells resulting in toned, glowing skin."

Offering everything from injectables and laser treatments to breast augmentation, liposuction, facelifts and nose jobs, Dr. Greenberg's offices are perfect locations to accomplish a lunchtime mini lift or a more extensive, life-altering transformation to the face or body. Dr. Greenberg and his award-winning team have helped thousands achieve the look they have been dreaming of. With offices in Smithtown, Southampton and Woodbury, as well as Manhattan's Upper East Side, Scarsdale, and now Princeton, New Jersey, Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology cares for patients from head to toe whether they are around the corner or across the globe.



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What pivotal moments or decisions shaped your path to success?



Tara A. Scully, P.C.

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"My decision to pursue a career in the legal field was a result of experiences through which I saw firsthand the challenges and difficulties that families often face navigating their way through legal issues to protect their loved ones and assets. Having seen their reaction to those situations, I decided that I wanted to help families deal with those challenges. It has been satisfying to have become successful doing something that I feel passionate about."

Salute to Women



Cindi A. Prentiss, MBA, PT, OCS, Cert. MDT, Cert. SST, Cert SEAS, LMT

Owner, Physical Therapy & Beyond Smithtown

"The pain I experienced during my first pregnancy prompted the origination of the Pregnancy & Back Program I created in 1994. Once we successfully treated moms-to-be with this program, their postpartum pelvic floor issues forced the "birth" of the Women's Health Program at PT & Beyond."

Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women.

~ Maya Angelou

What role do mentorship and networking play in your success?



Pinky Parikh

Owner, Setauket Gifts, Setauket
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, Douglas Elliman, East Setauket

"My success as a gift shop owner and real estate professional is influenced by the effort I put into my work, the guidance I receive through mentorship, and the connections I build through networking. By combining these elements effectively, I can enhance my skills, seize new opportunities, and achieve greater success in both industries."

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WOMEN SHAPING CULTURE

Increasingly, women are taking the helm in the art and culture world to shape the narrative, preserve heritage and drive cultural innovation.

What role do mentorship and networking play in your success?



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Eve Lupenko, M.D., F.A.A.D.

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Various locations

"Networking is an important part of building any business. I believe this is so crucial that it has driven me to become First Vice President again of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce which is a networking organization for any business, not necessarily those located in Glen Cove. I joined the Chamber 10 years ago and have been on the Board of Directors for seven years now and was advisor to the Chamber when I was an elected official as a Glen Cove City Counselwoman. I've also been active in the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce since its inception. Developing a personal connection with other professionals opens the door to a deeper understanding of who we are, our personalities, as well as our professional demeanor. There is also the opportunity to gain new business from these connections themselves, and from their organizations who may want a dermatologist to come in to their business and provide a lecture or free skin cancer screening. Having these professional relationships enables both parties to feel confident in sending referrals to one another, and provides a level of camaraderie that can last for many years."

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?

Jessica Newburger,
D.O., F.A.A.D.

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"Throughout my residency training and subsequent clinical experiences, I continue to be inspired by the transformative power of dermatological care. Whether diagnosing and treating skin cancer, managing chronic skin conditions, or performing cosmetic procedures, I am driven by a desire to improve patient outcomes and enhance quality of life."



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Linda M. Toga, Esq.

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In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?



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Leah S. Dunaief

Publisher and Editor, TBR News Media

"Learning and growing is an inherent part of the media business. With each new person interviewed and each new story written, we learn new information. Sometimes it is about the world, sometime about our neighborhood, sometimes about ourselves and how we might do our job a little better. For me, journalism and publishing are an ideal career to meet my boundless curiosity and desire to serve others and create community."

See more of our Salute to Women Special Feature at www.tbrnewsmedia.com!

WOMEN HELP SHAPE TECH

The technology field has traditionally been male-dominated, but an increasing number of women are breaking barriers, making significant contributions to technological advancements, software development and the broader industry.

In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?

Christy Brown, LME

Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology
Various locations

"The incorporation of dermatological services into our practice has provided me with not only the continued opportunity to work among renowned surgeons, but the unique experience to learn from our highly accomplished dermatologists who assess a wide range of skin disorders and patient concerns. Dermatological care is very detail oriented and treatment protocols must be adhered to for a successful outcome. I take great pride in educating my patients about how the variety of lasers, peels and other skin rejuvenation options will improve skin health and quality. Blending dermatological care with aesthetic treatments has elevated the care I am able to provide for my patients. I am very lucky to have access not only to the most advanced med spa treatments, but to dermatology and plastic surgery services as there is a great deal to learn and incorporate into my treatments from both disciplines everyday."



In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?



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Victoria LaSala, PA-C

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Various locations

"It is important to remember that learning does not end once you graduate from professional studies and receive a degree. I continue to learn through medical conferences and journals in order to stay up to date on new and emerging therapies. I also collaborate with other professionals in various groups to widen my knowledge on certain conditions, medications, etc. By independently learning and collaborating with others I am able to grow professionally and offer higher quality care to the wide patient population that I treat."

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

In the traditionally male-dominated arena of sports, a cohort of women has emerged, shattering stereotypes and pushing boundaries as coaches, administrators and executives.

In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?

Jill Motta

Owner, Triple H Insulation,
Klaus Roofing Systems by Triple H
Saint James

"I continue to learn and grow professionally by prioritizing ongoing professional development. I just finished a three-year course by The School of Entrepreneurship, which is specific to the management of contracting businesses and details the latest products and advanced installation techniques for my field, enabling me to deliver the best solutions and services to my customers."



*As women achieve power, the barriers will fall.
As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it.*

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?

Sarah Donohue, PA-C

Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology
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"The key to success is constant education. As a medical professional, it is our duty to continually educate ourselves about the ever-changing technology, techniques and products that emerge in our specialty. Applying state-of-the-art methods, along with patient education in our practice improves patient outcomes and enhances long term results. Utilizing a modern approach, ensures that patients look and feel their best with minimal downtime and discomfort. Clinical excellence and constant education in this rapidly growing field results in a higher level of expertise to ensure that we always provide the very best care for our patients. These combined elements equal success."

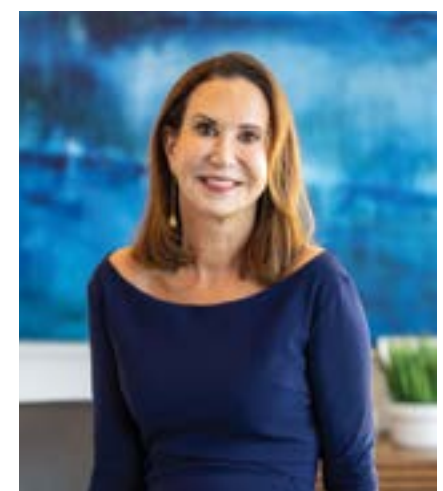


What pivotal moments or decisions shaped your path to success?

Hon. Gail Prudenti

Burner Prudenti Law, P.C.

"The pivotal moment that shaped my career was attending a real estate closing where my father was the seller and the only person at the closing without an attorney. I was 5 years old!"





Pinky Parikh

*Remember, your career is a journey,
not a destination.
Keep learning, growing, and pushing yourself
to be the best version of yourself.
And also learn to say "no" to requests that
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This will help you to avoid overcommitting
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**Kristin Bodkin, CREN,
CNE, CBR, SRS**

Licensed Associate Broker
Howard Hanna|Coach Realtors Stony Brook

"Real estate is a dynamic industry with constant changes in laws, regulations, and market trends.

Continuing education is a form of professional development that helps me enhance my skills and capabilities.

I am constantly taking classes beyond the New York State minimum requirements. For example, I have taken 3 different Negotiating Classes. I have learned something new in each class which has allowed me to hone my negotiating skills tremendously.

Real estate markets are subject to economic fluctuations and changes in buyer/seller behavior. Continuing education equips me with the tools to adapt to these changes, making me more resilient in the face of market uncertainties."



What pivotal moments or decisions shaped your path to success?

Linda Toga, Esq.

Law Offices of Linda M. Toga, P.C.

"My decisions to go to law school when I was in my 40s and to open my own practice when I was 50 shaped my path going forward by reinforcing my belief that women, regardless of age, are strong and capable of reaching any goal on which they set their sights. "



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*I want all the girls without an exception
to have that space for themselves where they
have opportunities to be the women they wish
to be.*

~ Priyanka Chopra

In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?



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Nancy Burner, Esq.

Burner Prudenti Law, P.C.

"I am a lifelong learner and I believe that keeping current and up to date is imperative. As attorneys, we are not just "scriveners"- we are NOT legal zoom. We are "counsellors at law." As Elder Law and Trust and Estate lawyers we need continued education to properly advise our clients by balancing probate and tax law, Medicaid laws and regulations, and family dynamics and relationships."

If you're comfortable with yourself and know yourself, you're going to shine and radiate and other people are going to be drawn to you.

~ Dolly Parton

What role do mentorship and networking play in your success?

Kathleen Gobos

Advertising Director, TBR News Media, Setauket

"Mentorship has been instrumental in shaping my career, providing invaluable guidance and insights for my professional and personal growth.

Establishing meaningful connections through networking has not only expanded my knowledge but also opened doors to opportunities and collaborations. Both mentorship and networking provide a range of viewpoints, encourage ongoing learning, and establish a supportive community."



In what ways do you continue to learn and grow professionally?

Britt Burner, Esq.

Burner Prudenti Law, P.C.

"I am always looking to increase my knowledge and understanding of the law, my compassion for my clients and their families, and my leadership skills to grow our organization in keeping with our missions of personal and professional excellence."



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