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SUPER LAWYER ROSEMARIE ARNOLD IN SAGAPONACK, JULY 2012.



Jean Shafiroff, Sandra McConnell, Jane Hanson

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE - HEALS

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On warm July afternoon, I stroll into Sagg Main Store in Sagaponack to grab a sandwich. At the counter, like a shameless gawking school boy, I notice a casually attired gorgeous petite, tan, brunette with a lean, well toned figure, taut legs and a posture which suggests a serious fitness regimen. As she places her order for three egg white, bacon and cheese sandwiches, instantly, I recognize the voice and realize it is none other than Super Lawyer and super mom, Rosemarie Arnold, the tireless trial lawyer and victim's rights advocate.

I met Rosemarie back in the mid 1990's while I was in the legal headhunting business. There was a buzz about a brilliant trial lawyer in New Jersey who was building a huge reputation for herself and getting multi-million dollar verdicts on cases other lawyers rejected or were too weak in the knees to take to trial. Arnold had emerged as a veritable plaintiff prophet or the patron saint of the underdog. Since then she has developed a reputation of a "courtroom bulldog who won't be leashed."

It is rare to catch a free moment with the woman behind the Law Offices of Rosemarie Arnold, the largest personal

injury & victim's rights practices in Bergen County. The "Queen of Torts" now leads a team of experienced trial attorneys and legal staff who offer the same personalized legal representation that Rosemarie became famous for, to families and individuals throughout the tri-state area. Arnold's highly referred law firm offers an effective voice to victims of serious accidents, sexual assault, and discrimination in the workplace involving age, race, sex, disability, national origin or religious bias. When the Certified Trial Attorney is not tending to her prolific and high profile case load or serving as a super mom at home, Rosemarie is a sought out legal expert who has been solicited to offer her expertise to various media outlets including the New York Times, New York Post and Newsday as well as NBC News, CBS News, Fox News, The Today Show and a Current Affair.

Arnold's climb to the top of the legal profession had rather humble beginnings. Her father who was a physician passed away when she was five. Her mother who was a teacher in the New York City public school system, raised 6 kids in a 2 bedroom tenement with one bathroom in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. While she may have the mental

DNA for success, she is a self made woman of the highest order, whose reputation was built the old fashioned way, dogged work serving the interests of one client at a time and a relentless commitment to honing all elements of her craft. It is rare to find a lawyer so proficient, with such a strong and disciplined work ethic, a Zen like strategic sense who is also filled with such compassion, professionalism and understanding. How do I know? Simply put, she has represented me and those close to me with the greatest degree of care and proficiency. Ask Rosemarie about her impeccable standing with her clients, judges, legal experts and the reverence she has from her adversaries. "We brag about the client's satisfaction, not the successful verdicts or privately negotiated settlements." To her clients, she is the irreplaceable equivalent of having Socrates, Clarence Darrow and Mother Theresa in a suit. Yes, she is that good.

Rosemarie has a tremendous sense of humor. In that regard, and as evidence that she does not take herself too seriously, she has a commercial running on NY1 starring 77 year old identical twins, Iris and Fran, who happen to be her mother and aunt. In addition, one of her firm's many url's is suetheleazeabag.com

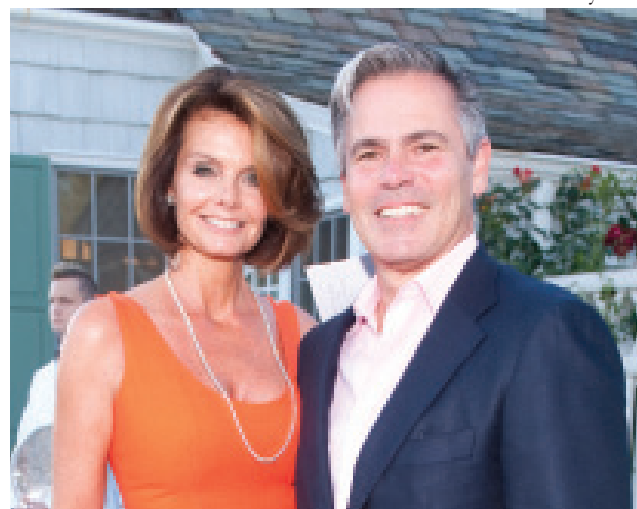
We start talking about success, the type of success that allows you to spend your summers on Sagg Pond Court in Sagaponack. I ask her what is the key to your success what would it be? "My life is fruitful and fulfilling. "I give unconditional love to those who mean anything to me. I give that same love my craft and my clients." The woman who is writing a book entitled "Sue Unto Others", adds that "understanding your adversaries perspective is critical to amicable resolution to a case.' If a reasonable resolution does not happen, you are better prepared to go for the jugular and dismantle your opponent.

After that final nugget, Rosemarie jumps onto her Specialized S-Works Roubaix bicycle to bring egg white sandwiches to her children on the beach. As she notices me admiring her perfectly toned Jewess form, before pulling away, she reminds me that she deserves her ageless fitness model form because she rides at least 20-25 miles per day and takes notes from a mutual friend, Dr. Mehmet Oz for whose Health Corps Annual Gala she usually serves as a dinner chair. I sit there and consider those whose philanthropy comes from unconditional love, whether it be unconditional love for better AIDS education like co-founder of Love Heals, Dini von Mueffling or like that of Jean Shafiroff whose passion is for the safety and security of god's little creatures (dogs) and those like Shelley Adelson; whether you are a Democrat or Republican, you have to respect that his ethos is "unconditional love" for the State of Israel.

SASF Unconditional Love Gala

On July 21, 2012 The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's (SASF) held their 3rd Annual Unconditional Love Gala at the waterfront home of local philanthropist Sandra McConnell. Event Chairwoman Jean Shafiroff was joined by Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's President Jonathan McCann and SASF Founder Susan Allen in honoring NBC 4 News anchor, Chuck Scarborough and his wife, designer Ellen Scarborough for their innumerable contributions to the world of homeless dogs and cats on the East End of Long Island, as well as in New York City. The event raised over \$375,000 for SASF.

Jane Hanson, host of NBC's LX New York was the evening's emcee. Dinner was catered by the renowned Robbins-Wolfe Eventeurs with live entertainment by the



Lydia Touzet, Rudy Touzet

Alex Donner Orchestra. NBC Correspondents Lynda Baquero, David Ushery and Darlene Rodriguez, joined their colleagues in the festivities honoring Ellen Scarborough & Chuck Scarborough. The Honorary Corporate Chairs for the event were Allen & Company and Barclays.

Among the over 300 guests in attendance were Board Exec. V.P. Sony Schotland, Treasurer Steve Greenfield, Board members Joel Cooper and Jay Durante, Southampton Hospital President, Robert Chaloner, Margo McNabb Nederlander & James L. Nederlander, Charlene & James Nederlander Sr., Somers & Jonathan Farkas, Yaz Hernandez & Valentin Hernandez, Elizabeth Shafiroff, Cece & Lee Black, Lydia Touzet & Rudy Touzet, Beverly & Saul Negreann, Henry Buhl, Linda & Kim Renk, Lucia Hwong Gordon, Mayor Mark & Marianne Epley, Cassandra Seidenfeld Lyster and Robert Lyster, Howard Marton, Chris Obetz and Melanie & John Wambold.

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation is a non-profit organization and ranked among the top ten shelters in the country. SASF relies on the generosity of individuals

and businesses to help save lives at its adoption center and provide much-needed programs that benefit homeless pets.

LOVE HEALS AT LUNA FARM

Love Heals, The Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS



Dr. Mark Kot, Kelli Delaney

Education recently hosted the Ultimate Birthday Party at its 13th Annual Love Heals at Luna Farm in Sagaponack. The celebration, an annual social ritual for the bold and the beautiful in the Hamptons was attended by 650 guests who helped ring in the 20th anniversary of the AIDS education and awareness organization, founded in honor of Alison Gertz, by raising over \$300,000.

A List hosts Hilary Rhoda, Charlotte Ronson, Andrew Saffir & Daniel Benedict came to party. Amidst the flash



Laura Henson, Dini von Mueffling

bulbs, celebrity film crews and despite a brief thunder storm which drove guests under the tent, prodigious quantities of real southern BBQ (brought to the Hamptons from South Carolina and cooked on-site for 24 hours prior to the event) and fresh summertime cocktails from Patron — Patron



Tammy Fisher, Ken Fisher



Eric Villency, David Zinczenko, Richard Johnson



*Sharon Kerr, Melanie Wambold,
Kim White*



*Valentin Hernandez, Alexis Bryan,
Yaz Hernandez*



Chris Delgado, Veronica Web



Dr. Howard Sobel, Gayle Perry Sobel, Cassandra Seidenfeld Lyster, Robert Lyster



Rebecca Minkoff, Guy Emile Harley



Darlene Rodriguez, Chuck Scarborough, Lynda Baquero, David Usbery

Birthday Splash, Luna Farm Refresher, and Healing Touch, made it all but certain that guests weren't going anywhere. And when DK Kiss threw it into over drive, the party went into 6th gear. The crowd was pumped. Smiles filled the space. And at one point when I stopped to look around, it was as if



Charlotte Ronson, Peter Davis

the entire crowd inside the tent was dancing, breaking only for trips to the Patron Mojito bar and popsicle stand. Luna Farms never disappoints. All I can think is, what will they do next year that can top this?

Others in attendance included the organization's co-founder, Dini von Mueffling, supermodel Nicole Trunfio, pianist Chloe Flower, designer Rebecca Minkoff, Rodale's David Zincenko, news anchor Chris Wragge, Peter Davis, Kelly Delaney, Richard Farley, Stephanie Hirsch, Richard Johnson & Sessa von Richtofen, Scott Lipps, Avis Richards, Teresa Sorkin, Martin & Nina Varsavsky, Eric Villency, and Niche Media's Samantha Yanks, among others. Alison Gertz' parents Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Gertz were also in attendance.

Some where out there you have to think that Alison would be proud that her premature passage was not in vein. So, yes, in that regard, 'Love Heals' at Luna Farm, once again.

IAFCF – FOR THE LOVE OF ISRAEL

The Israel Air Force Center Foundation (IAFCF), a non-profit, 501c3, non-military organization headquartered in Herzliya, Israel with its U.S. Office in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, celebrated its historic 20th Anniversary National Gala aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City on Thursday evening, June 7th

The gala honored prominent Americans and long-time supporters of the IAFCF, including the founders of the

IAF Center in Israel: Major General (Retired) David Ivry, recipient of the IAFCF Lifetime Leadership Award, Mrs. Aviva & Mr. Yehochai Schneider, recipients of the IAFCF Lifetime Leadership Award, Dr. Miriam and Mr. Sheldon G. Adelson, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Las Vegas Sands Corporation, recipients of the Power of Partnership Award, Mr. Kenneth Fisher, Chairman of Fisher House Foundation and Senior Partner, Fisher Brothers, recipient of the Power of Partnership Award, Mr. Al Berg & Dr. David Tarica, Event Chair and Event Development Chair

Event Host, Academy Award Winner, Jon Voight, welcomed over 700 supporters from the USA and Israel, celebrating “The Power of Partnership” between the IAF Center in Israel and its dedicated supporters in the United States. Voight, a true ‘Goyisha Mensch’ emphasized: “My connection to Israel and the Jewish people is a result of everything Judaism has given the human race.” Voight spoke



Hilary Rhoda, Nicole Trunfio

with a sense of urgency about the righteousness in securing the safety of Israel and the importance of preservation of a culture which has fed the spirit of humanity in tangible and intangible ways. To paraphrase Voight, sometimes it is so difficult to quantify the character of the contribution to man kind or even imagine the soul, vibrancy and character of America without the contributions of the Jewish people.

Distinguished speakers who paid tribute to the IAFCF’s accomplishments, included Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, IAF Commander Major General Amir Eshel, Mr. Rudolph Giuliani, the 107th Mayor of New York City, H.E. Mr. Ron Prosor, Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations and Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Spiritual Leader of the Park East Synagogue, New York City. International singer and songwriter Liel Kolet provided the entertainment throughout the evening.

In his recorded message to the gala participants, PM Netanyahu said: “Following 64 years of independence, Israel

existence is still threatened, as well as the wellbeing of the world Jewry.” PM Netanyahu commended the IAF Center for its innovative aeronautical studies and youth leadership development program, and thanked the IAFCF



Rudy Giuliani, Dr. Miriam Adelson & Mr. Sheldon G. Adelson

supporters for demonstrating their unity and partnership for the achievements reached thus far.

In his address as keynote speaker, Mayor Giuliani reiterated the fact that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East and therefore the only true ally of the United States in the region. Mayor Giuliani encouraged event attendees to visit Israel and praised the crowd for their support of the IAF



John Voight, Israeli singer Liel Kolet

Center, which strengthens Israel’s future.

“What the world needs now is [more] love, sweet love, it is the only that there is just to little of.” Just make sure that your love is unconditional love’ my friends.