

Meet our 2016 Block Party Honorees

Humanitarians & Community Leaders: Dr. Peter & Rebecca Grossman



Dr. Peter H. Grossman is a board certified plastic surgeon whose medical practice is divided between cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. He is the Director of the world-renowned Grossman Burn Centers caring for burn-injured patients across the globe. Formerly an expert reviewer by the Medical Board of California, Dr. Grossman has lectured extensively around the United States and the Consumer

Research Council of America listed him among America's top surgeons. Dr. Grossman currently serves as the President of The Los Angeles Society of Plastic Surgeons and is a Clinical Instructor at the UCLA Department Of Medicine. He has been featured on CNN, Oprah, ABC Primetime and Good Morning America among others and was named one of ABC News' Heroes Of The Year in 2003. Dr. Grossman is also the President of The Grossman Burn Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Grossman Burn Centers.

Rebecca Gray Grossman is currently the CEO of Powerhouse Lux Media, Inc., a multimedia publishing and software development company. She is the Publisher and Editorial Director for *Westlake Magazine* (established in 1992) and *West Luxury Magazine*, two premier west coast luxury publications. Rebecca is also the Chair of The Grossman Burn Foundation and has

developed such programs as their training, treatment and telemedicine initiative and their Stop Violence Against Women Globally campaign. She was honored by The American Heart Association in 2007 at their annual Go Red For Women event and has been featured in a number of books including *Fearless Women - Visions Of A New World and Afghans and Americans United*.

Peter and Rebecca married in 2000 and in 2002 they became the legal guardians for a young girl named Zubaida Hasan who was a burn patient from Afghanistan. Zubaida became like a daughter to the Grossman's and Dr. Grossman performed over fifteen reconstructive surgeries while Zubaida lived with he and Rebecca over a seven year period. A book was written about this journey entitled *Tiny Dancer* (St Martins Press 2005). After learning of the trials and tribulations of loving a young burn survivor, the Grossman's formed The Grossman Burn Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2006 and strive to partner with organizations both locally and internationally to better provide burn care support, healthcare education and training worldwide. Rebecca and Peter sit on the Department of State U.S. Afghan Women's Council working closely with Vice Chair Laura Bush. Additionally, they remain involved with a number of charitable organizations ranging from autism support to education, the arts and global healthcare initiatives. In 2003 they received the Baha'i Human Rights Award and in 2009, The Bayat Foundation honored the couple with their Humanitarian and Leadership Engagement Award in Washington D.C. They currently reside with their two children (Alexis 11 & Nicholas 9) in Hidden Hills, California.

Beth Goldsmith Conquer Cancer Now Heroes: Sue and Barry Brucker

Sue and Barry Brucker have always shared a deep commitment to public service, community, youth and finding a cure for Cancer. They have been giving their time, knowledge and resources to civic, educational, cultural and humanitarian service organizations since they married almost 34 years ago.

Barry, a former Beverly Hills Mayor, Crisis Response Counselor and an inventor, is a 2nd degree black belt in Hapkido Karate. He prides himself on thinking outside the box and holds 11 US patents. Barry is the President Elect of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills and also serves on the boards of Concern Foundation and Camp Newman. After graduating with honors from UCSB, Barry entered the family business and is the president & CEO of an international manufacturer of specialty, digital and security printing inks. Additionally, he's a private consultant, specializing in strategic planning, crisis management and governmental relations. In 1997 Barry made headlines when he ran as a write-in candidate and won a seat on the Beverly Hills School Board. This began his 16-year tenure in public office, including two terms on the Beverly Hills City Council where he served as Mayor in 2008 and 2011. While in office, Brucker championed the first Outdoor Smoke-Free Dining Ordinance, authored the strongest Code of Ethics Ordinance in the State of California, led the City Council to Adopt California's Cutting Edge Environmental Green Building Standards and created the "Beverly Hills Green Team," among many other outstanding accomplishments.

Sue, a New Jersey native, community activist, artist and graphic designer, graduated from UCLA and enjoyed a successful medical sales career before devoting herself to philanthropy. She is a former president of her synagogue,

Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, as well as a past president of her children's PTAs. Currently, Sue is proud to serve on the boards of Concern Foundation, A Place Called Home, the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism), Camp Newman and 6 Points Sports Academy, California. Although petite in size, don't be fooled — Sue holds a black belt in Hapkido Karate.

In 1999, Barry and Sue were recognized as the Humanitarians of the Year from the Amie Karen Cancer Fund for their work and dedication to eradicating cancer. Sue was honored by Hadassah Southern California as their 2002 Youth Aliyah Award Recipient. She also received the 2006 Woman of Valor award from Friends of Sheba Medical Center. In 2008, Sue and Barry received the Beverly Hills Purim Ball Community Spirit and Humanitarian of the Year awards. Barry was awarded the 2009 Los Angeles County Democrat of the Year.

The proud parents of Lauren & Josh and Richard & Lindsey, Sue and Barry can't wait for their next role in life...that of grandparents... their first grandchild is due this June.

