

# Makeover prize leaves woman looking, feeling her best

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Sue Kinczkowski couldn't believe her eyes — and neither could her daughter, Melissa, when she saw her mother for the first time after her Ultimate Makeover.

"I walked in the room and she was like, 'Mom, I cannot believe how good you look. You look amazing,'" Kinczkowski said.

The 53-year-old Highland woman won the Ultimate Makeover from Highland Women in Business at its third annual Women's Enrichment Day on April 29. In her application, she explained that she wanted to lose weight and create a new look for Melissa's Sept. 30 wedding.

With help from 11 area businesses, Kinczkowski dropped 23 pounds in three months, got a new hairstyle, reviewed her health and finances, chose a new outfit and underwent thousands of dollars' worth of cosmetic procedures.

The results have taken friends' and family members' breath away.

"Sometimes you just don't know if they're being polite, but I do think I look good," Kinczkowski said. "It was an improvement, a new, improved version of me."

After struggling with her weight for 20 years, she said, losing more weight on top of the 19 pounds she lost on her own between December and May has been both mentally and physically rewarding.

"I'm such a different person," she said. "Even though I'm 53, I feel like I'm so much younger. I have so much more energy."

Besides her weight loss, Kinczkowski said her most obvious physical change came from a series of cosmetic facial procedures.

"That's what a lot of people noticed, before they noticed my weight loss; they were all talking



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Highland resident Sue Kinczkowski (left) receives some cosmetic tips from Sue Alderson, owner of Fountain of Youth. The Hartland business offered a number of cosmetic procedures to Kinczkowski as part of her Ultimate Makeover, sponsored by the Highland Women in Business.

about my face," she said.

Her treatments included Intense Pulsating Light (IPL), Botox and restylane to tighten her skin, remove brown spots and counter-act rosacea.

"My sister came over the other day, and she was just amazed because she hadn't seen me in a month," Kinczkowski said. "She was going on and on. She could not stop saying how good I

looked, like 10 or 15 years younger."

Melissa, 25, said her mother seemed "healthier and happier" after the makeover. Both Sue and her husband, Dan, will walk their

daughter down the aisle on Saturday.

"It just means the world to me, that she would do this for me and for herself," Melissa said.

Women's Enrichment Day is

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Sue Kinczkowski won the Ultimate Makeover grand prize at the Highland Women in Business Enrichment Day on April 29. This is the first year this prize has been awarded.

The Ultimate Makeover package is made up of the following services from these local companies:

TPOP Fitness — Exercise consultation

Healthpoint — Nutritional consultation

Fountain of Youth Skin Care Renewal Center — Cosmetic procedures

West Oakland Advanced Dental Artistry — Teeth whitening

Masserman Photography — Glamour photos

Mary Kay Cosmetics — Facial and makeup

Epic Hair Salon — Haircut, color and style

Carroll & Company Salon — Manicure and pedicure

Clothing Cove — One outfit

LaSalle Bank — Financial review

Highland-Milford Family Clinic — Health evaluation

run by Highland Women in Business, part of the Highland Business Association (HBA). For the first time this year, the event featured an Ultimate Makeover as a grand prize.

Kinczkowski has lived in Highland for 22 years. She works as an office coordinator at Johnson Elementary School.

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