

Mount Kisco spa reopens after fire

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Rebuilt Mount Kisco spa opens

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MOUNT KISCO — The re-opening party at the Richard Scott Salon and Day Spa was not just a celebration of a new and improved building but proof of the strength of a community.

Salon and spa owners Ricky Mason of Cortlandt and Joseph Norris of Briarcliff Manor threw the party to showcase their newly renovated salon, which reopened to the public Tuesday. The original was destroyed by fire Jan. 20. Attending were frequent clients, local civic leaders, Richard Scott employees, and perhaps most unusual, other area salon owners who lent their space and support to the 38 employees displaced by the fire.

"Ricky and his staff have developed a relationship with their competitors good enough so that the other salons would take them in — that is so unique," said Mount Kisco Mayor J. Michael Cindrich.

The Richard Scott salon employees were relocated to Zazo Salon, Kids' Style, and Adam and Eve in Bedford Hills as well as Salon Elle in Mount Kisco. The Saw Mill River Club hosted the day spa employees.

"The other salons and spas have been very gracious," said Joseph Norris. "We are the bigger guys and they helped us out anyway. I would really like to thank them for being so good to us."

Lydia Cassia of Cortlandt, who runs Salon Elle, was one of the gen-



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Mount Kisco Mayor J. Michael Cindrich, salon owners Joseph Norris and Ricky Mason, and CEO/administrator/general manager Dale San Marco cut the ribbon to celebrate the grand reopening of Richard Scott Salon and Day Spa in Mount Kisco. The spa reopened Tuesday.

erous salon owners.

"When I heard about the fire, I called Ricky to offer my help," she said. "One hand washes the other because life is full of surprises."

A feeling of camaraderie was certainly present last week as guests sipped champagne, snapped photos and ate hors d'oeuvres in a crowded hairdressing area turned temporarily into a formal party room.

"What they did was quite impressive," Cindrich said, "it would have

been so easy for Ricky to just move out of Mount Kisco."

Mason and Norris invested five months and almost \$2 million to renovate the salon. The 7,000-square-foot building on South Moger Avenue has been expanded and upgraded to include brand-new salon and spa equipment, flatscreen TVs, a comfortable lounge area, a new spray tan booth, new waxing rooms, and space for couples' massages.



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Richard Scott Salon and Day Spa co-owner Ricky Mason of Cortlandt, assistant manager Natalie Ciullo of Mount Kisco and co-owner Joseph Norris of Briarcliff Manor celebrate the grand reopening of the business in Mount Kisco. The original spa was destroyed by fire Jan. 20. **Page 7**