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Linda Lee Tagliamonte will turn 60 in March, but one would never know it by looking at her. The award-winning aesthetician is youthful in both appearance and spirit, with flawless skin and a take-all-comers attitude that make her seem several decades younger.

Of course, this was not always the case. Tagliamonte struggled with severe cystic acne as a teenager and continued to battle its effects for more than 20 years.

"I was always on the journey to fix my skin," she says. "I was picked on in junior high school, and I walked with my head down. ... I was so desperate to fix my skin, I would go from doctor to doctor to doctor. They would send me home after spending hundreds of dollars on products that didn't do anything. I didn't need a product; I needed my skin to be rehauled."

Prior to delving into the field that would prove to be her calling, Tagliamonte spent 19 years working in a corporate setting; she met her future husband when they both worked for *TV Guide Magazine*. She already had bachelor's and master's degrees when she decided to return to school at age 40, this time to study medical aesthetics. After graduation, she spent the next 15 years honing her skills and expanding her knowledge base while working alongside world-renowned plastic surgeons and dermatologists.

The hands-on experience and the research she conducted on her own time helped Tagliamonte zero in on her mission: to improve the health and appearance of the body's largest organ. "My vision never changed," she says. "I needed to break down the task to build it back up."

Today Tagliamonte leads The Skin Rejuvenator, a flourishing skincare enterprise with offices in Blue Bell and Philadelphia's historic Old City neighborhood. She customizes skincare regimens for clients of all ages and backgrounds, through carefully curated services such as chemical peels, dermaplaning, and microdermabrasion, among other facial treatments, as well as skin boosters, laser treatments, and noninvasive body sculpting.

Tagliamonte believes in devoting ample time to each client, with individualized care rooted in relaxation and compassion. An avid researcher, she invests only in cutting-edge technology and insists on testing new methods and techniques on herself before introducing them to her clients. While the conversation surrounding skin issues can get complicated, Tagliamonte maintains the answer is simple. She believes in the term "skimalism," which suggests that less is more when it comes to skincare. She says sunscreen is essential, as are vitamin C and generous water intake. Her line of award-winning, medical-grade skincare products is designed to satisfy "the basics" without inundating clients. That said, she never pressures anyone to buy her products.

Considering her own journey, Tagliamonte knows exactly what her clients are going through. She strives to truly understand each client's unique needs and empathizes with the apprehension or hopelessness they may be feeling. She often shows them before-and-after pictures of herself from years ago to prove that improvement is possible. She also reminds them of two things: First, change won't come overnight; and second, their perseverance will be worth the time and effort.

Her commitment to excellence has garnered many accolades, including "Top Aesthetician" in the 2021 Aesthetic Everything Aesthetic and Cosmetic Medicine Awards, and "Best Esthetician" (2022 and 2023) and "Dynamic Women" (2022) honors from *Philadelphia Style* magazine. The April 2023 issue of *Philadelphia* magazine referred to Tagliamonte as "The Face of Skin Rejuvenation," and she has been a featured contributor on *Good Day Philadelphia* several times.

Tagliamonte certainly appreciates the praise, but she gains the most satisfaction out of helping others. Doing so enables her to begin each day with renewed joy and gratitude. Ever humble, she credits much of her success to her mother, who taught her lessons in optimism, resilience, and tenacity; Tagliamonte still spends time with her mother every day after work.

"The bottom line is that I love skin," she says. "This journey, honestly, has been unbelievable. Every single day of my life, I am so grateful and so extraordinarily blessed. I'm thankful to everybody for trusting me with their skin." ■