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Happy New Year from All of Us at Cabinets Plus!

As we ring in a new decade, I thought you might find a brief history of our past interesting.

Our father, Richard Kunzweiler, decided to strike out on his own in 1962 and formed RK Construction. His niche back then was building garages and I spent my summers swinging a hammer with him. When I graduated from high school I came to work with Dad full-time and we expanded into a more full service contractor. Our specialty was room additions, but we also built some custom homes and installed a lot of new siding and roofing.

My brother Kevin joined the company full-time in 1979 as the company was transitioning from general remodeling into a specialty remodeler doing cabinet refacing (Yes, we were one of the first to do this in the Chicagoland area).

Once we realized that it never snowed or rained inside people's homes, we decided to expand into designing and installing new kitchens and bathrooms and opened our first showroom that is right next door to our current location. This is when my brother Kent came on board with us full-time.

The business expanded rapidly at that time and by 1989 we had outgrown the space we were in and relocated to our current showroom location. Shortly after that, the last brother Dave joined the ranks and immediately brought our technology and systems into the 20th century.

So here we are today still operating off Dad's simple ideal "Treat the customer with respect, provide quality products and good service, and the rest will fall into place".

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy 2010.

Steve Kunzweiler, President

Trends in Kitchen Design — Our Free Seminars

We've shared our presentation with over 150 people already, and we're hoping to continue to bring this program to everyone who has an interest in remodeling their kitchen. Enjoy an informal evening of food and education with our Cabinets Plus designers, our appliance friends from Novak and Parker in Mt. Prospect and Chef Dave of Dave's Specialty Foods. We've received great feedback on all three of



the Fall seminars. Above, Dave Kunzweiler of Cabinets Plus explains some aspects of kitchen design to the attentive audience. The evening also includes a presentation on kitchen appliance trends. There is ample time for questions, browsing the showroom and tasting samples of some delicious treats prepared by our chef. Please join us at one of our upcoming seminars. Mark your calendars; the next date is January 28, 2010.



COUNTERTOPS

Follow these simple cleaning tips and keep your countertops like new for years to come.



Corian—Clean your Corian countertop with soapy water or ammonia based cleansers. For hard to remove stains use an abrasive cleanser and a green “Scotch Brite” pad. Although Corian withstands heat better than most countertop materials, always use a hot pad or trivet equipped with rubber-feet to protect the Corian from hot pots and heat generating countertop appliances. Do not cut directly on Corian; always use a cutting board.

...**Granite**—The look of high-end granite can’t be matched. However, it does take a bit more care. Use warm water, a small amount of soap and a soft cloth. Rinse with clear water and dry. Granite cleaners are also simple and safe to use on a day to day basis. Harsher products containing chemicals can break down sealers. Your stone needs to be re-sealed when water no longer “beads” on it.



Cultured Marble—Because cultured marble, cultured granite, and cultured onyx are usually manufactured with a high-gloss coating or “gel coat”, you want to make sure you don’t ruin that gloss. Never use anything abrasive. It will leave scratches. Make sure the top is wet when you are cleaning, or it will scratch. Spray your countertop with an all purpose liquid cleaner. Then wipe down with a soft, damp cloth.

...**Quartz**—the worry-free alternative to granite. These countertops are stronger than granite, do not need to be sealed, are highly resistant to scratches and staining and come in a huge variety of colors. It’s non-porous nature makes it extremely durable and one of the safest surfaces for food preparation. Clean them using warm water and PH neutral, non abrasive cleaners such as Formula 409 or Simple Green, with a clear water rinse.

Laminate—Most dirt can be wiped up with a damp cloth. To remove persistent stains, try using a paste of baking soda and water and scrubbing with a soft bristled brush. Never cut or set hot pots on laminate countertops since they are not easily repaired. If your top has a front edge made of wood, be sure to wax the edge in front of the sink to protect against water damage.

Alive with Light

Kitchen Lighting Ideas

The average homeowner now spends over 19 hours a week in their kitchen and it's become critical to properly plan for adequate lighting. Your kitchen needs beautiful as well as efficient lamps to accentuate and light up the space. There are several types of kitchen lighting: Task, Accent, Ambient and Decorative.

Task Lighting focuses on making the kitchen a working one. You want to be able to see your sharp knife as you chop vegetables in your prep area and see the dirt on your dishes as you clean them in the sink.

Accent Lighting adds dimension and depth to the whole space. Accent lighting is usually low voltage. An example are the fixtures placed inside a glass cabinet to spotlight delicate china or other beautiful pieces you have.

Ambient Lighting can immediately improve your kitchen look. Ambient lighting creates a warm glow that softens shadows and creates a homey feel that could be missing in your kitchen. This could be uplighting installed at the top of your upper cabinets.

Decorative Lighting adds zest and sparkle to your kitchen, but you need not overdue it or your space will look cluttered. Chandeliers aren't just for the dining room anymore. Decorative, glamorous pieces are making a statement in kitchens across the country.



It's easy to see why **Recessed Lighting** is so popular. Flip a switch, and fixtures tucked into the ceiling bathe a room in a warm glow. Flip it off and those same fixtures seem to disappear; no lamp shades to dust, cords to hide or chandeliers to block the view.

Pendant Lights hang from the kitchen ceiling. They are truly gorgeous, elegant and efficient, providing concentrated light directed on the surface below. When installed with a dimmer switch, pendant lights are versatile, providing and changing the illumination according to the family's needs, whether it be food preparation, reading and homework, or lighting up tasty appetizers at a gathering of friends.



Under Cabinet Lighting is installed directly under your top cabinets and illuminates your counter surfaces as well as your backsplash area. You won't get shadows that are associated with overhead sources. Several different types of under cabinet lighting are available ranging from simple fluorescent to cutting edge LED fixtures.

STOR-X CLOSET SYSTEMS

Stop in the showroom to see our new closet system by Stor-X. They specialize in comprehensive storage solutions for your closets, garage, home office, pantry, laundry or mud room.

Stor-X offers a good, better, best approach to their product styles. This allows us to tailor a system that will suit your needs and budget!



The photo above shows what your completed closet could look like!

Why BAMBOO??



Mouser Custom Cabinetry has now added bamboo to its long list of cabinetry wood selections. We have several door samples available for viewing in the showroom.

Bamboo has a strength that rivals steel! It is the most efficient plant on earth for reducing carbon dioxide gases and requires less water and energy to grow than any tree. It also produces 35% more oxygen and consumes a higher nitrogen content helping to mitigate water pollution. It is a sustainable resource that when harvested, grows back at a rate of up to 2" per hour.



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To help out the homeless in the Northwest suburbs, we'll be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the "JOURNEYS from PADS to HOPE" shelter.

You're Invited to a Free Seminar

Cabinets Plus and Novak and Parker
present

Trends in Kitchen Design

January 28, 2010 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Hosted at:

Novak and Parker Appliances
1016 E. Northwest Hwy. Mt. Prospect

Let's Cook Up Something Together!

Space is limited; register online at www.cabinetsplus.com
or call 847.358.0143