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Tour of Remodeled Homes

April 24 & 25, 2010

Entry Deadline: March 12, 2010

Contracts will be mailed soon!



Chairperson's Message

by Lori Pippitt

We have had rain, ice, snow, wind, ice, snow, fog, ice, and did I mention wind? It's time for some SUN!!!

If you have a cloud with dark lining affecting your mood – blow it away and

“Refresh Your Image” in 2010!

We're making it through the worst economic time since the 1980's, but have you thought about how to reach new clients and what new and exciting things are still moving forward in our community? This year we will bring you refreshing new images into what is going on in Lincoln and how you yourself can refresh your company's image. Watch for upcoming meeting topics!

If you took the Green Building for Building Professionals course and want to obtain your CGP designation (and do not already have an NAHB designation) then you MUST take the Business Management Class offered on February 26th from 8am-5pm. Call Jennie at 423-4225 to get signed up ASAP!

Watch next month's Business Builder for more information on the March Remodelers Council meeting. Plan to come listen to Dick Campbell with Campbell's Nurseries speak about how the city has proposed to “Refresh Lincoln's Downtown Entertainment.” A video of the conceptual design of the West Haymarket Arena project will be shown followed by discussion.

The annual Home & Garden show is coming up fast and furious! We will be hosting five seminars that will range from “6 Steps to a Successful New Home or Remodeling Project” to “Creating Color in Your Garden.” Help us reach our 5,500 lbs. goal by encouraging your clients and friends to bring a can of food or two for the Remodelers' Food Bank House!



Remodelers Council Roller Skating Fun & Family Outing

Come join in the fun at the Remodelers Council Skating Fun & Family Outing! Bring your family for a fun afternoon of skating.

Saturday, February 27

1-3 p.m. Open Skate

Skate Zone

(300 North 48th Street)

Cost: \$6 per person

(includes regular skate rental)

Pay at the door. If we have enough people, the price will decrease to \$4 per person, so be sure to RSVP!

RSVP by Wednesday, February 24 by faxing the form below to 423-4251 or calling 423-4225.

Welcome New Members!

Scott O'Neill

O'Neil Enterprises

Joette Kapke

Remodel Solutions

Remodelers Council Contributes Food Collected at the Holiday Party to Food Bank of Lincoln

Dear Friends:

Thanks so much for your gift to the Food Bank of Lincoln. We have worked hard to achieve previously unimagined food distribution goals here in 2009. We could not have seen the growth of over 30% that we have seen this year without the faithful support of friends like you. The growing need calls us to continue to expand our services to better serve more people. The Food Bank's services are needed now more than any other time in our 27-year history.

This holiday season, the staff, board and volunteers of the Food Bank have much for which to be thankful. We are grateful for your friendship.

Food Bank of Lincoln



Educational Opportunities

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program at SCC

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Refresher Program at SCC

Friday, February 26, 2010

Business Management for Building Professionals

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program at SCC

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Refresher Program at SCC

All registration forms are available at

www.hbal.org/education/schedules

If you have any class requests, please contact HBAL at 423-4225. You can find a complete list of NAHB courses at www.nahb.org/courses.

Remodeler of the Month



Name: Roger Williams

Position: Owner

Company: Shine-A-Blind Nebraska, Inc.

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Company Information: We specialize in cleaning and repairing blinds and shades

only, both commercial and residential. The blinds and shades can be dropped off at our shop, or we can pick up and return them. All cleaning is done in our shop. Some repairs we can do on-site.

We encourage customers to contact us at the beginning of remodeling projects instead of the end of a job. Blinds and shades that are left in place during a remodel are frequently in very bad shape. Dust, dirt and chunks of mud are common. There is no remedy for overspray and drops of paint on shades and blinds. Blinds should be taken down and safely stored at the beginning of a project. Also, window replacements may mean the current blinds won't fit after the new windows are in. Some blinds can be resized, and some can't. Either way, it can be an unexpected added expense.

History: We opened as a home-based business in August, 1992. We moved to our first commercial site in 2004, and to our current location in March, 2009. Originally the business was just blind cleaning, but along the line we kept getting asked to do repairs. Now, that is a large part of the business. We can repair most standard blinds and shades, as well as many of the specialty lift systems and vertical blind systems.

Favorite Books: Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand is probably one of the more influential books. But, I enjoy a wide variety, including science fiction, action, romance and historical fiction.

Favorite Movie: Most of the 50's-60's musicals, with My Fair Lady and South Pacific ranking very high.

Find Rewarding: Listening to jazz and classical music, cooking, spending time with family, singing in the Lincoln Civic Choir.

Biggest challenge in life: Right now, it's going to exercise. We joined a club recently, and I've never done much exercise, so it's a real challenge to get over there regularly.

What inspires you: Music. Stories of people who keep on going. Pictures of nature at its best and worst.

What did you want to be when you grew up? That changed almost daily. I have a cup at home that has a saying on it; "I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up!" I'll let you know when I figure it out.

Pet Peeve: Trash talk and discourtesy.

Bad Habit: I spend so much time procrastinating, I hardly have time for anything else.

First thing I do in the morning: I have a routine I go through. Basically I would just get out of my way until after breakfast.

Favorite vacation spot: We went to Hawaii two years ago. We went to the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque last year. Both were great! We really like the Colorado Rockies.

Greatest Hero: The greatest generation...Those who fought in WW II and those who endured at home.

Childhood fear: I had asthma as a child, so I had a fear of suffocation.

Spare time: Reading, checking out new recipes, yard work, working on picture albums and doing cross word puzzles.

Family: Kathy and I have been married for 43 years. We have three kids. One daughter lives here in Lincoln, one in Stuart, Iowa and our son in Ft. Collins, Colorado. We have 6 grandkids, ranging from 2 years old to 20 years old. We have extended family all over the country.

Greatest accomplishment: In a word...Family.