



Continental Hearing Aid Center’s notable sign on Piedmont Avenue. The hearing aid clinic has been serving the local community for fifty years.

Richard Stone celebrates 50 years at Continetnal Hearing Hearing center in business on Piedmont Ave. since 1970

By Tyler Callister

The hand-painted wooden sign is the first thing you see. Above the doorway on Piedmont Avenue is is a vintage 60’s-style sign with psychedelic lettering: “Continental Hearing Aid Center.”

Upon entering the small, cozy shop, you are surrounded by glass display cases filled with historic hearing aids dating back to the ones that look like tiny trumpets that you put in your ear.

The walls are adorned with Chinese and Vietnamese art.

You are soon greeted by Deborah Pan, the center’s Patient Coordinator, who will invite you to sit down in the comfy waiting room. In an adjacent room you can hear the man in charge, 82-year-old Richard Stone, speaking to a client as he tests out her new hearing aid.

“Can you hear me now?” he asks.



Richard Stone, the owner of Piedmont Avenue’s Continental Hearing Center, is celebrating 50 years in business.

The answer is affirmative; the newly outfitted hearing device works.

It’s a conversation Stone has had in his shop nearly every day

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Re-imagining Homes with HDR Remodeling

HDR hosts on-site workshop for potential remodelers

By Philip Anderson

HDR Remodeling, a full-service residential Design & Build contractor serving Piedmont and the East Bay Area, recently hosted another of their workshops, which they describe as educational lunch & learn seminars. With over 30 years under its belt, HDR Remodeling’s goal is to educate and inform homeowners about what to expect when approaching a home remodel.

Last month, they invited the community to visit a current job site, a first for the company. Kevin Mond, HDR’s Head of Business Development, hosted the event. The on-site project was a new construction for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), commonly known as an in-law unit, a backyard cottage, or a guest house.

Proud to be at the forefront of promoting ADU buildings, HDR wanted to highlight the process and the challenges of designing and building an ADU in general, so they chose to have it at the site of the project.

During Mond’s presentation, he discussed the nuances of the planning process and emphasized the importance of a very thorough design process that includes fixtures and finishes to mitigate any unexpected changes in scope of work or budget. He also highlighted HDR Remodeling’s preferred method of construction.

For this specific 250 square feet ADU, Mond explained the challenges being faced. The



Kevin Mond describes the process and challenges of designing and building an Accessory Dwelling Unit at a workshop conducted by HDR Remodeling.

grade was defined by the planning department on a sloped lot. A delicate and protected species of redwood trees needed to be protected. Access to the site had to be carefully designed.

Working on-site with a local arborist, HDR Remodeling dug and built footings around the trees with ingenuity and quick adjustments. Given the slope of the project and the ADU being built at the top of the hill, access to the site and the transportation of materials to and from the site was also a challenging manual endeavor.

After fielding a wide variety of questions from a capacity crowd, the audience received a tour of the project and were able to take a look at what lies between the walls of this project. Guests were able to evaluate the terraces and

site conditions, see the ADU’s foundation, and examine the exposed shear walls, framing, and roofing materials used before the drywalls were added.

The event was so successful, HDR is planning future on-site opportunities for future home remodelers. The next on-site seminar will take place on Saturday, September 28.

For information on future events, visit HDR Remodeling’s site at hdrremodeling.com/events. To pre-register for the next event, call 510-845-6100 or see the website. If you can’t wait until the next Lunch & Learn, contact the office today to discuss your home remodeling project and schedule a free in-home consultation.

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