

BRK Pizza celebrates a decade in North Naples

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The Trombino family celebrated a milestone this week at their BRK Pizza in North Naples.

The local pizzeria marked its 10th anniversary Sunday in Boulevard Shoppes, 6355 Naples Blvd., across from Hollywood 20 theaters.

“With everyone coming and going, we just feel blessed to be here for 10 years,” said Randy Trombino, who co-owns the restaurant with his wife, Carol. “We hope to continue on and on.”

To celebrate the big 10, BRK Pizza has \$10 large cheese pizzas for carry-out or dining in. In addition, get 20 percent off orders made online or with the eatery’s new digital app by using the promo code BRK10. The celebratory discounts will run through the summer, Trombino said.

BRK sets itself apart from its competition by providing healthier pizza options such as gluten-free and lactose-free options and by using ingredients such as dairy-free cheese and multigrain whole wheat dough.

“What differentiates us definitely is the healthier aspect,” Trombino said. “We are really focusing on the healthy, quality aspect of the pizza.”

BRK recently became a Blue Zones approved restaurant with a pizza and business philosophy that reflects the healthy living initiative.

“We offer a Blue Zones power

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pizza. That's a real nice, healthy item there," Trombino said.

The special pizza has a multigrain whole wheat crust with all plant-based items such as veggies, fresh pineapple and a balsamic glaze.

Of course, BRK's brick oven turns out about 20 other specialty pizza choices and features create-your-own options. Traditional pizza lovers can still even savor pepperoni, sausage and bacon with extra cheese.

The menu also has fire-baked flatbread sandwiches, a half dozen salads, and five different BRK STX breadsticks with dipping sauces. For dessert, it's hard to pass up the 10 flavors of gelato and sorbet.

When it launched 10 years ago, the brick-fired pizzeria initially was a franchise of California-based RedBrick Pizza, but Trombino said he realized he could strike out on his own and negotiate for better local products as an independent restaurant. He cut ties with the national chain three years ago to create his own locally owned and operated BRK Pizza.

"It was my decision. I wanted to be a local independent. I love the Naples market," Trombino said. "It was a nice opportunity to start over to buy out our franchise agreement at the same time. It was a good, clean opportunity."

The local pizzeria caters and provides fundraising opportunities for area schools, sports teams, church groups and special events. Naples Express Meals continues to provide delivery of the product to homes and businesses.

The Trombinos still hope to introduce a BRK Pizza mobile oven to cook pizzas on site at sporting events and other local functions. And, eventually, they plan another area location for BRK Pizza. Those goals are getting closer to reality now that their children, Taylor and Michael, are in college, Trombino said.

"As they get older they will free up some time to expand," he said.

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