

## Chicago News

Illinois DOT has an improvement program involving the extension of I-355 to I-80, a 12 mile extension. One of the improvements involved with this program is a six bridge interchange at I-55 and I-355.

Danny's Construction-Chicago has been working on this interchange since last summer. The job involves one 1/2 mile ramp, one 3/8 mile ramp and four smaller bridges. A total of 5,500 tons of structural steel are used for all six bridges. The ramps are six feet deep curved plate girders with typical spans of 240 feet. Danny's Construction used a system of shoring towers and steel cross members to suspend the curved plate girders in place until all plate girders and cross frames were in place from expansion joint to expansion joint. We used our Manitowoc 999 crane to erect the steel. We are currently about 75% complete with the job.

One of the biggest challenges has been working at night; placing steel over some of the busiest interstates in the country.

Dave Budzius, Frank Samargin, Jim Topor and Jeff Barnum along with members of Ironworkers Local 1, Ironworkers Local 444 and Operators 150 have been the key players for Danny's Construction on this project.



## Safety News

Congratulations to all Danny's Construction employees at the Xcel Energy High Bridge Combined Cycle generating plant. DCCI was part of the very first MNSTAR (Minnesota Star) ever to be awarded in the State of Minnesota for new construction. On January 30, 2007, workplace safety and health representatives from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry recognized LG Constructors, and all their subcontractors, for their achievement as the first MNSTAR recipient for new construction at the Xcel Energy High Bridge Combined Cycle generating plant.

MNSTAR is a Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration program that recognizes worksites where managers and employees collaborate to develop safety and health management systems that go beyond basic compliance with all applicable OSHA standards, and contribute to immediate and long-term prevention of job related injuries and illnesses. MNSTAR began in Minnesota in January 1999, and is modeled after the federal OSHA Voluntary Protection Program, which began in 1982.



## Medtronic

Danny's Construction contracted with OPUS Northwest to construct the Central Building, Dining Area, and North Link Building for a corporate headquarters of Medtronic, Inc.'s business unit, Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM). CRM develops high-tech cardiac medical devices.

Situated on an 85-acre site located in Moundsview, MN, the project features three eight-story towers that will house CRM employees. The largest of the three, the Central Building, has a total of 419,175 sq. ft. with a 19,680 sq. ft. dining building attached. A glass, seven-story, 39,600 sq. ft. "link" connects the towers on floors one through seven.

The Central Building Project, where steel erection began June 2006, consists of 1800 tons of structural steel. General Foreman Chas Berning managed a crew of Local 512 Ironworkers to keep ahead of OPUS' tight concrete pour schedule. Andy Rocheford directed the erecting gang, and Art Roberts was in charge of the decking and detail crews.

OPUS praised our Danny's crew for adhering to the safety guidelines of the job. Danny's has completed several buildings for Medtronic, and we thank this crew for their professionalism and dedication to continued customer service and satisfaction.



## From the Corner Office



### Recent Travels:

Last week I accepted the International Ironworker's invitation to attend the Ironworker Annual Strategic Planning Meeting. I was only able to attend one day of their planning sessions, but I can report that the Ironworkers are serious about making refreshing and progressive changes in their union. On the agenda were issues like "Performance Benchmarks" and development of an Ironworker Professional Standard of Excellence. I had an opportunity to speak with numerous Business Managers representing many areas of the country and was welcomed to their meeting with genuine enthusiasm. Our Management Team continues a long history of taking time to participate in industry forums for growth and improvement. After all, last year Danny's Construction sent home at least one paycheck with 617 different union employees!!

### Fun Fact:

Danny's Construction employed ironworkers from \_\_\_\_\_ different Locals in 2006?

Answer: 17

### Upcoming Work:

Danny's Construction has just begun a contract with Cherne Contracting Corporation to provide steel erection services at Tesoro's Golden Eagle Refinery, Martinez, CA. Matt McDonald, Van Stott, Danny Dunn and their Ironworkers Local #378 and Operators Local #3 crews are off to a great start. The initial N.S. pipe rack erection was completed three weeks ahead of schedule. Since that is O'B's favorite thing to hear, I had to call him on vacation in New Zealand to let him know. Work will continue throughout the Summer.

The Chicago group will be starting a 60 story high rise in April at 300 North LaSalle. Our contract is with Cives Steel. Cives' quality fabricating made the Prentice Hospital Project a great success for Danny's Construction and we are looking forward to working with them on the LaSalle Building.

We are targeting many opportunities in the Power Industry. Most of the new construction in this industry will increase efficiency, capacity, and improve environmental impacts of power generation. And, as always, we here at Danny's Construction believe that EVERYONE needs a new stadium!

Alissa Schneider, Executive Vice President

## Employee Spotlight



### David Theis Retires

After 28 ½ years of service at Danny's Construction Company, David Theis has retired. David began his career with Danny's in August, 1978 and he's been continuously employed with us ever since. David's cousin recruited him into the ironworker industry to work for Danny's as a welder. He has been considered our specialist in Behlen building installation, and handled hundreds of projects from his mobile jobsite office (his tool-loaded pickup). He remembers one day he worked at five different sites! His favorite part of the job has always been working on stairways. The temperature in Minnesota was 5 degrees on David's last day, but he was there bright and early and ready to work, like always. David's retirement plans include building a cabin in Spooner, WI and spending time running his storage business. Thank you David, for all of your dedicated years of service and we wish you the best!

Exit with style! DCCI arranged for a limo loaded with David's friends and family to pick David up from the jobsite on his last day. We hope he didn't mind having to leave early that afternoon.

## Positions Open at Danny's Construction

Interested individuals should send resume to  
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Project Safety Representatives, CA and MO

Entry Level Project Engineer, CA

Estimator, MN



Danny's Construction Safety Representatives Diane Randolph (6th from left) and Ted DeSantell (8th from left) celebrate the MNSTAR Award.



Above: Jeff Schneider checks Annie's pulse during DCCI sponsored Foreman First Aide/CPR Training