

## Desert Oasis High School

Desert Oasis High School is one of many High Schools being built by the Clark County School District. Located in the Mountains Edge area of Las Vegas, this high school is based upon CCSD's prototype design and includes four buildings totaling 330,000 square feet around a 50,000 square foot indoor mall. The structure offers natural lighting and other advanced educational concepts which will also increase energy efficiency. The General Contractor for this project is Sletten Construction. John Dennin is our project manager and Bill Bain is the general foreman. Scheduled completion for this project is set for August 2008. This will be in time for the new school year. The Clark County School District is the 5th largest in the United States. The district operates one of the nation's largest school construction and modernization programs. Approximately \$4.9 billion will be spent to build new schools and improve existing schools. The district opened nine new schools and two replacement schools in the fall of 2007 of which M & H Building Specialties worked on five of them.



Above: Desert Oasis HS—Entrance from the south  
Below: Desert Oasis HS—View from the SW



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### Dictionary

- ◆ Bid - A wild guess carried out to two decimal places
- ◆ Low Bidder - A contractor who is wondering what he left out.

### Some Upcoming Projects

- Centennial Hills Library
- PBS Learning Center
- Tahiti Parking Garage
- Encore@ Wynn
- Wyndham Desert Blue
- Grandview Tower 4
- Nevada Power s. District

### Some Current or Final Stage Projects

- O'Rourke Elementary
- Centennial Hills Library
- Satellite D
- Sunset Pilot Plaza Bldg 1
- Diaz Elementary
- Scott Elementary
- Fontainebleau Sales Center

### Quote

**"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.**

-Unknown



## Company Spotlight: Bill Bain

Bill Bain is the general foreman on the Desert Oasis HS project. He has worked for M & H Building Specialties since 1995 and has been the general foreman on many MHBS jobs like UNLV, Rancho HS, Decatur High School, Sunset Station, and his next project will be the Carey/Los

Feliz High School. Bill just received his 25 year carpenter pin. Bill has lived in Las Vegas for 16 years and is married to Toni. His hobbies include fishing and building model trains. He has built a whole city for his train to circle around.



## A Word from Ronnow:

Many of the employees of M&H Building Specialties received an unexpected bonus from the company in the second week of February. The reason for these bonus payouts was the profitable year we had as a company in 2007. Each of you were instrumental in the success we enjoyed this past year. I'm sure many of you have worked for other employers that have had profitable years, yet the profit on the projects you all worked so hard to realize never reached the field. In many instances there are tradesmen that have never realized a bonus in their careers. Many owners are not

willing to open their pockets to the common worker. I for one feel very grateful to work for a company with an owner that knows the value of the man or woman in the field and what they contribute to productivity and profitability of the projects they work on. An owner that is not afraid to open his wallet and show that gratitude with a Christmas party each year, which is not only fun, but a time for every employee to get together under pleasurable circumstances to get a free picture, eat good food, dance, and enjoy the evening. Another is a get together at his own home in the spring where

we are provided with good food and fun things for our children and grandchildren to do. Now our benevolent owner has been willing to show his thanks and appreciation in the form of a check to each individual that is not already part of a bonus plan.

It is my hope that we will not take for granted the job we have. That each one of us will work hard to produce the same kind of year in 2008.

-Ron Leavitt

## It's time for the 4th Annual Golf Tournament

This year's 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Painted Desert Golf Club. This year's event will benefit Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada. Candlelighters are a non-profit support group for families of children with cancer. Since being founded in 1978 by two families with children being treated for cancer, this organization has assisted over 2,000 fami-

lies. Some of these families that have been helped are from within Martin Harris and M & H Building Specialties.

The tournament will start with a shotgun start at 7:30 am. Each team will receive a cart and everyone will also receive a round of golf, gift bag, lunch and drinks. This year's prizes include \$15,000.00 Hole In One, First, Second and Third place as well

as Last place, Longest drive and Closest to the pin. For all you golfers out there that were just practicing, we will be selling Mulligan's.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up please contact Dave Livreri or Cindy Dean at (702) 385-3168. We look forward to a successful tournament. Please spread the word so we can exceed our past donations.

## Announcements / Upcoming Events

The annual Martin Family Company Picnic is coming soon. It will be held Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2008. Keep on the look out for your invitation Hope to see you there

Have any interesting ideas or events to share? Contact Cindy Dean at 702-992-9396 or email [cdean@mhbsinc.com](mailto:cdean@mhbsinc.com)

Have you checked out M & H Building Specialties new website? If not, go to <http://www.mhbsinc.com> and let us know what you think.