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"Business, more than any other occupation, is a continual dealing with the future; it is a continual calculation, an instinctive exercise in foresight."

Henry R. Luce

What's Happening at Stone Development Group

Weekend Surgery! "Lobby Facelift"

Stone Development Group has just completed its first Weekend Lobby Refresh Project in Katy, Texas for Mr. and Mrs. Ray of Kid's R Kid's Texas I. This three (3) day make-over included, but is not limited to: new reception desk, tower cabinets, media cabinet, and back wall cabinet all stained with a dark rich custom mixed Brazilian Rosewood stain. We also installed beautiful Dakota Mahogany granite countertops. For the

floor we put in a new gold slate tile, we then removed the old balloon glass and glazing and installed a 55" vertically mounted TV monitor with a Mac Mini System. To Pull it all together we added a fresh coat of paint and new base, chair rail and doors custom stained to match the new cabinets and desk. All of the above was started on a Friday night and fully completed Sunday evening, with absolutely no down time or loss of profit to the Owners. Their new lobby has been met with a

great response from parents and teachers alike. We here at Stone Development Group believe that anything is possible with proper planning and this was no different. Take a look at the drastic difference a weekend can make to your lobby (pictures followed on page 2). Please let us know if you have any questions, would like to discuss your reception area needs or would like to stop by and take a look at our work for yourself.

Message From The President

From our perspective, it has been great to see the retail and hospitality sector start to move. We have experienced an increase in the amount of location re-set/refreshes we are completing. Additionally, the new location business has been

increasing. At Stone Development Group, we have had to focus on our "National Presence...Local Approach" motto. The increase in work that we are seeing is not in our traditional market locations, therefore creating a need for

logistical efficiency. Making sure we can serve our customers anywhere in the country with the same level of service we do in our own "backyard" has been a key to our success.

What's Happening at Stone Development Group Continued

Kid's R Kid's Lobby Before

"Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best."

Theodore Isaac Rubin



Kid's R Kid's Lobby After



Kids R Kids Project in Richmond, Texas

Getting to Know Stone Development Group

Your Name: Jaron Stone

What's your favorite sport? Football

What's your favorite thing to do in the summer? BBQ while hanging out with friends

What's your favorite cartoon character, and why? Woody Woodpecker

Are you a morning or night person? Morning

What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten? Rotten fish in Finland

If you were a comic strip character, who would you be and why? Dilbert...I can relate

What thought or message would you want to put in a fortune cookie? Anything is possible!

If you had to give up a favorite food, which would be the most difficult to give up? Burgers/Brats...it would be a toss-up.

If you won a lottery ticket and had a million dollars, what would you do with it? Buy an Island

You've been given access to a time machine. Where and when would you travel to? Back to the Egyptian

Reign and figure out how they built those pyramids. Then let everyone know so we can stop talking about it.

If you could be any superhero and have super powers, which one would you like to have and why?

Wait...you mean I'm not already a superhero?

If you could transport yourself anywhere instantly, where would you go and why? Anywhere in

Europe...Great Food!

Growing up, what were your favorite toys to play with as a child? Anything with an engine.

What is the last book you read? Unbroken

The base of the Great Pyramid in Egypt is large enough to cover ten football fields. According to the Greek historian Herodotus, it took 400,000 men twenty years to construct this great monument.

Historic Construction Project - Hoover Dam

The Hoover Dam was a project too big for one commercial construction company to build.

A number of commercial construction companies were interested in the job. After all, this was a historical project of great significance, as well as an incredible challenge. It soon became obvious, though, that no one company would be able to handle a project of this magnitude. Even the very biggest commercial construction companies in that day had neither the capital nor the resources to take on such a job. No single commercial construction company could raise the \$5 million needed to secure the performance bond.

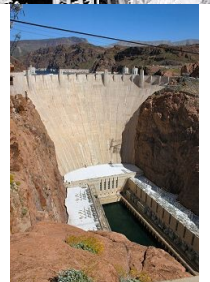
Word of the Hoover Dam project spread quickly, and Six Companies quickly received more than 2,400 job applications and over 12,000 letters of inquiry about jobs. This was during the Depression. More than 5,000 workers flocked to the building area from all over country. Many brought their wives and children and lived in tents. With poor sanitation,

little access to clean water, 119-degree heat and no utilities, this tent community was a living hell. Six Companies realized that these people would be here for years and something had to change. Along with the Reclamation Service and under Frank Crowe's guidance, Six Companies built Boulder City. Electricity was brought in, and a school, churches, post office, library, newspaper and stores were built.

Before construction on the dam could start, a monumental task was at hand. The construction companies had to divert the Colorado River away from the project's foundation site, and this could only happen during the winter. Crowe decided this needed to be done during the winter of 1932-33. Work on the tunnels began in May 1931. For 24 hours a day, seven days a week four tunnels, two on each side, were built right through the rock walls of the canyon. Each tunnel was 4,000 feet long, 56 feet in diameter, and lined with three feet of concrete, making them the second largest tunnels ever made.

When it was finished, Hoover Dam stood 725 feet high, is 1244 feet wide, 660 feet thick at the base, tapering to a thickness of 45 feet at the top. It cost a total of \$165 million to build and was completed in four and a half years. The project was begun in March 1931 and President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated it on September 30, 1935. First power was produced in October 1936, more than two years ahead of schedule. A total of 4.4 million yards of concrete were used in its construction. The powerhouse used 17 generators in 10 acres of floor space to produce over 4 billion kilowatt-hours for California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Six Companies accomplished a historic feat, working together to build the Hoover Dam. The construction companies that made up the consortium went their separate ways after the Hoover Dam project, and accomplished a variety of successful projects afterwards.





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National Presence...Local Approach!

PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT

Stone Development Group is a full service Developer, General Contractor with headquarters in Minneapolis/ St. Paul, Minnesota and a regional branch in Chicago, Illinois . We are proud of our national presence, but continue to take a local approach to all our projects. Our work consists of 500 square feet to 150,000 square feet build-outs, re-sets, and multi-floor units for the restaurant, retail and office complex industry. As an organization, our construction crews travel to any geography our customers operate in; past projects have taken us to; Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin, as well as our home markets in Illinois and Minnesota.



Why Work With Stone Development Group?

As our own General Contractor, Stone Development Group can control the timing and quality of every job we do. As a result, we can help reduce the overall cost of your project while keeping them running on schedule and budget. SDG has the expertise and knowledge to implement effective systems for staffing, scheduling, cost and budget control and reporting functions that will keep your project running efficiently from start to finish.

Development - Getting your project done right, on time and under budget is not a goal at SDG; it is the way we do business. At SDG we believe the amount of time and effort you put into the pre-construction phase has a direct

affect on the success of your project. By working as a team from the initial stages of your project to the finish, SDG will make sure your project is done right every step of the way while allowing you to only have to interact with one company, SDG.

We have a wealth of experience in providing construction development services to our wide array of retail, restaurant and office complex clients.



Construction Management - SDG can coordinate and supervise the construction process from the conceptual development stage through final construction, making sure the project gets done on time and within budget. At SDG we work with the owners, engineers, architects, sub-contractors, and any others who are involved in the construction process to make sure your job gets done right SDG has the resources and staffing to insure that you get quality work on each aspect of the job. No need to worry about the big things or sweat the small details, SDG will do it all for you.