



**Behind CDG's success is a group of individuals dedicated to providing exceptional service both in the office and in the field.**

**This month we'd like to introduce you to those who continue to help us build the future.**

From left to right: Ralph Lehr, Kristi Martin, Chris DeFazio, Greg Horvath, Brian DeFazio, J Steel

### **Ralph Lehr – Field Supervisor**

Since 2010, Ralph has been a valued asset in CDG's success. He has had in-field education in various sectors of the construction industry, even attending Los Angeles Trade Technical College, specializing in Construction.

Ralph has previous work experience as a Chief Facility Engineer at Century City Hospital and Century City Doctors Hospital, as well as Superintendent for Daniel Fedorka Construction. He has extensive experience in the industry including facility maintenance, drywall and metal framing.

### **Tomas Betancourt – Carpenter**

For just under two years, Tomas has excelled at CDG as a "jack of all trades," working on a variety of projects including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and office spaces.

From drywall and T-bar ceilings, to door and frame installation, he can do it all. His work with drywall and metal framing has given him a reputation for being one of the very best in this field.

### **Brian DeFazio - Field Foreman**

Brian is in his third year at CDG Builders, after initially being introduced by his brother, Chris DeFazio. Before working as a Field Supervisor, Brian learned much about his trade, including how to operate equipment, from his father, Jeff. Brian has experience in demolition and excavation, as well as an equipment operating and truck driving.

In his spare time, Brian enjoys mountain biking, as well as motorsports like motorcycles and auto racing.

His interest in racing led him throughout North American, traveling with professional auto racing teams including Volkswagen. Never a stranger to traveling, as a youth, Brian played ice hockey where he had the opportunity to travel cross-country, visiting Alaska, Michigan, and many other states. This summer, Brian revisited Alaska, driving the famed Alaskan Highway and camping amid the wildlife in the wilderness.

### **Kristi Martin (Bosch) - Office Manager**

A graduate of Communications at Concordia University Irvine, Kristi served as Co-Editor-in-Chief for The Concordia Courier, CUI's student newspaper. After graduating, she applied her degree to a variety of positions at the Irvine Company. For over four years, Kristi learned the ins and outs of Property Management and benefitted greatly from the customer service training she received.

As a child, she had a curiosity for building that stemmed from her father, Randy, now retired, who was an established architect in Orange County. As CDG's Office Manager, she continues to grow even more interested in the industry.

When she's not drafting contracts and writing newsletters for CDG, Kristi continues to write and create for friends and family. From poetry to short stories, as well as mixed-media canvas art, she is always creating and gifting unique pieces.

### **J Steel - Superintendent**

J first heard about CDG Builders in a business

owners' forum in 2009 where he met CDG President, Greg Horvath. This spring he joined the team full-time. J's industry history began in 1986, working as a laborer for a General Contractor. He learned most trades hands-on and became a Superintendent before starting a company of his own.

J enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing and snowboarding but also has interests in faith and philosophy. He is currently serving on two international non-profit boards; one based in Mexico, as well as Malawi, located in southeast Africa. As an active member of his community, J not only works with non-profit organizations, but also served as President of the SoCal Remodelers Council in 2011. While on the counsel, he had the opportunity to model in video and magazine ads for WD-40, even participating in live presentations for the product.

### **Wayne Collins - Superintendent**

Currently heading the Air Treatment remodel in Brea, CA, Wayne is no stranger to large projects. As a native to Bellevue, Washington, he began his career as an apprentice in the labors union and worked for three years before joining the carpenters apprenticeship at Howard S Wright Construction in Seattle. He worked his way up to a Superintendent position with them, assisting on such projects as the Space Needle 100' Level Restaurant, as well as the First Interstate Tower.

When Wayne moved to Los Angeles to work for Swinerton & Walberg, his resume expanded to include many additional construction vectors with large projects such as Delta Airlines at Los Angeles International Airport, and Century City Hospital. His knowledge of airport construction would prove helpful as later he would become one of 12 Superintendents at the Bradley Terminal at LAX and a project consisting of new hold rooms and gates at Long Beach Airport.

### **Jackie Wolff - Accountant**

In September, Jackie joined our office team as Accountant, heading up Accounts Payables, Receivables and payroll. With over 10 years of experience in the building industry, Jackie has held a variety of accounting positions including New Home Residential building companies. She has a Certificate in Light Construction & Development Management from UC Irvine as well as a degree in Accounting from Orange Coast College.

With a passion for the arts, Jackie has been a participant in the Laguna Arts Pageant of the Maters for seven years. This summer she played Eve in a "living picture" of the Sistine Chapel painting of Adam

and Eve. In addition to performance art, Jackie has furthered her artistic talents having taken up jewelry making, specializing in necklaces and earrings.

Recently, Jackie has taken an interest in travel and interior decorating. This fall she will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand. As a new homeowner, Jackie has enjoyed decorating the ins and outs of her home and is looking forward to starting work on her backyard.

### **Scott Martin - Field Foreman**

As a childhood friend of Brian, and husband to CDG's Office Manager, Kristi, Scott has known about CDG builders for many years. Scott has over nine years of experience in electrical construction in both commercial and institutional markets and graduated from a 5-year apprenticeship program. You could say that being a part of a trade is in Scott's genes. Both his father and grandfather are experienced trade men, in the pipefitters union and carpenters union, respectively.

Scott has a strong interest in craft breweries and has visited many throughout California, Washington, and Wyoming. When he's not touring breweries, he can be found mountain biking through the foothills of Orange Country, indoor rock climbing, and trying to beat his best time scaling Mt. Baldy.

### **Scott Cernigoj - Project Manager**

Scott Cernigoj, the newest member of CDG Builders, has had an extensive involvement in the construction industry. His career began at Chico State where he graduated with a degree in Construction Management.

Before starting at CDG this September, Scott worked as a Project Engineer and, later, a Project Manager for S. J. Amoroso Construction. Scott participated on a variety of projects including two Veteran Hospitals in Long Beach, a Crime Laboratory, as well as a maintenance facility in the Port of Long Beach.

As a native to the Bay Area, Scott has always had a passion for a wide range of sports. He enjoys golfing, the outdoors, and participates in weekly bowling nights.



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