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**COVERS
EVERYTHING!**

DROPCLOTH

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund that for December, 2009, that Ordinary Income of \$3,119,708.87 plus Investment Income of \$441,774.77 minus Expenses of \$3,120,493.89 yielded a Net Income of \$442,559.79.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$24,652,569.18 plus Investment Income of \$7,813,386.10 and Expenses of \$26,230,887.58 yielded a Net Income of \$6,235,067.70. The Fund Value as of 12/31/09 was \$88,775,616.37.

**PENSION FUND
REPORT**

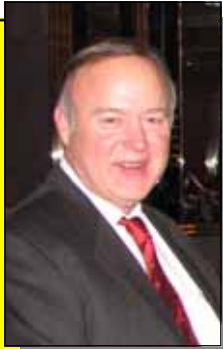
Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund that for December, 2009, that Ordinary Income of \$2,989,796.18 plus Investment Income of \$5,105,271.97 minus Expenses of \$3,082,396.44 yielded a Net Income of \$5,012,671.71.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$27,055,067.08 plus Investment Income of \$67,469,100.96 and Expenses of \$24,641,281.22 yielded a Net Income of \$69,882,886.82. The Fund Value as of 12/31/09 was \$485,205,410.03.

**HESTER
SETS THE
PACE!**



Hester Decorating picked up two "PIPP" awards (Picture It Painted Professionally) at the recent National PDCA "PACE" convention (Paint & Coatings Expo) held in Phoenix, Arizona. PDCA Chairman Dave Jones presented Nick Pasquale with a Craftsman of the Year PIPP Award, then presented Nick and Steve, Chris, and Jeff Hester with a Charity Paint Project PIPP award. Two days later, Dave administered the Oath of Office to Steve as he joins the National PDCA Board following his election to represent the Midwest Region.



**A Few Words
From . . .**

**TOM TYRAKOWSKI
President, FCA of Chicago**

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS...

Right now FCAC is at a real turning point. We must pull together if we are to survive and our Association to endure.

For that reason, I must solicit your input and ask for your best ideas of where we go from here.

- What kind of programs do you want the Association to present at our meetings?
- What are your thoughts on building membership?
- Will you attend our meetings and events if we tailor them to your needs?
- What are your own big three problems that you face today in running your business?

Even more importantly, we need any information you can provide about our non-Union competition taking your work as soon as possible. We must know about your experience because I intend to discuss those issues with officials at PDC14 and the

International Union to work with them in preserving and protecting the Union painting industry in Chicago.

Just send me an e-mail at: tyrakowski@am-coatpainting.com or use the enclosed survey form to mail in your remarks.

On another topic, we all face the imminent need when doing renovation work to get the new lead training for our personnel and have both the workers and the company certified by the EPA or face heavy fines.

Our Apprentice School has completed training of qualified instructors at the Finishing Trades Institute, but the EPA has

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News From The Apprentice School...

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

Financial reports for the JATC Committee for December, 2009, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$162,974.77 plus Investment Income of \$22,835.95 minus Expenses of \$76,043.13 have yielded a Net Income of \$64,095.69.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,890,680.60 plus Investment Income of

\$366,336.82 minus Expenses of \$1,996,387.31 have yielded a Net Income of \$260,630.11. The Fund Value as of 12/31/09 was \$4,476,152.00.

There are presently 115 Apprentices enrolled, 10 Industrial Apprentices, a 32% Unemployment Rate, a 54% Minority Rate, and two female students.

As always, call us (708/449-5282) to donate your surplus materials! All donated materials can be written off, and they help our education program.

We can always use...

- 54" COMMERCIAL VINYL
- WALLPAPER & WALLCOVERINGS
- WHITE & OFF-WHITE PAINT
- TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
- FAUX FINISH PRODUCTS
- PORCELAIN BATHTUBS & SINKS
- DRYWALL BOARD
- DRYWALL COMPOUNDS



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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY inc.
Environmental and Occupational Services

RRP Training for Contractors

All contractors who work on pre-1978 homes and disturb more than 6 square feet of paint interior or 20 square feet of paint exterior must be Certified Renovators by April 22, 2010.

These new EPA requirements include — but are not limited to — renovators, remodelers, plumbers, painters, electricians, window & door contractors, landlords and building engineers.

Public Health and Safety, Inc.

Public Health and Safety, Inc. specializes in environmental training on asbestos, mold, and lead remediation. PHS, Inc. is an accredited training provider and will host the required training for Certified Renovators in Illinois. The National Center for Healthy Housing (an accredited training

provider) developed their lead curriculum. This program meets the requirements of the USEPA's RRP rule and IDPH (the Illinois Department of Public Health).

In Illinois, IDPH must approve the lead training providers and their curriculum. PHS, Inc. is an IDPH-approved training provider.

For a limited time, FCAC will provide cash rebates to member firms needing this training at the rate of \$100 per man (up to six men) with a total per company not to exceed \$600. When the Apprentice School instructors are certified by the EPA and are able to provide the lead training, this offer will be withdrawn. Call PHS, Inc., directly to arrange training; and submit receipts to the FCAC office to receive your rebates.

2010 FCAC & PDCA Meetings & Events

FCAC Membership Meeting & Technology Seminar

March 11, 2010
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PDCA Associates Night

March 11, 2010
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PDCA Golf Outing

June 11, 2010
Bloomingtondale Golf Club
Bloomingtondale

Check with your local J.C. Light store about the RRP training as well, they are also offering RRP classes that qualify for the "\$100 per man" rebate offer.

not as yet approved their official certifications...so, for the time being, we must seek the training elsewhere.

One FCAC member has used a Chicago company for that purpose, Public Health and Safety, Inc. We have a story in this issue of *The Dropcloth* from them, for your information.

Until the Apprentice School is able to provide the "RRP" lead training (it may take another month), you can use this firm

(or another of your choice) and request a \$100.00 rebate from FCAC per man, up to six men. If you have already completed the training with an outside source, just send us a receipt for your expense and you can get back up to \$600.00. Later on, the training will be provided free by the Apprentice School.

Those are the two main items on my mind this month, except to add that I am honored to serve as your new President and

will make every personal effort to represent your best interests and work for the betterment of our Association.

If we work together and gain the cooperation we need in times like this from our Union partners, we can endure these difficult times and come out on the other end of the tunnel stronger and better than ever.

All the Best...

Tom