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### WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for October, 2011, that Income of \$3,660,570.79 plus Investment Income of (\$916,178.33) minus Expenses of \$2,549,016.69 yielded a Net Income of \$195,375.77.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$19,327,395.22 plus Investment Income of (\$2,550,186.24) minus Expenses of \$17,069,879.48 have yielded a Net Income of (\$292,670.50).

The Fund Value as of 10/31/11 was \$94,358,469.44.

### PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Miles Beatty reports for the Pension Fund for October, 2011, that Ordinary Income of \$3,427,736.42 plus Investment Income of \$10,432,344.35 minus Expenses of \$3,255,432.79 yielded a Total Net Income of \$10,604,647.98.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$20,144,593.89 plus Investment Income of (\$19,281,738.22) minus Expenses of \$22,538,047.39 have yielded a Net Income of (\$21,675,191.72).

The Fund Value as of 10/31/11 was \$521,373,912.32.

## We're Going Electronic!

Get On the Bus Now By Giving Us Your E-Mail Address...

This is the final print issue of the *Dropcloth* and *Monitor* publications that you will receive by mail. Due to budgetary constraints and on-going efforts to keep abreast of current trends in technology, the Board has made a policy decision to direct all future association communications to Contractor and Associate Members through electronic channels, using e-mail and the internet.

As such, we must inform you that we need your e-mail address to send you all meeting announcements and publications, and also direct your attention to our web site: [www.chicagopdcafcfa.org](http://www.chicagopdcafcfa.org).

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO: [jan.association@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jan.association@sbcglobal.net)

## Farewell Rich!

One hundred ten FCAC Contractor members and Associates gathered for a festive holiday General Membership Meeting and election on December 7th at Maggiano's in Schaumburg as Richard Volkmer was honored on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the FCAC after twenty years of service.



FCAC Board Members Jeff Castles, Tom Tyrakowski, and Miles Beatty expressed heartfelt sentiments of gratitude and appreciation to Rich for his many years of service and dedication to the association, then presented him with a Movado ESQ watch as a parting gift.




**2012**  
**FCAC & PDCA**  
**Meetings & Events**

**FCAC President's Night**  
January 20, 2012  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**National PDCA Expo 2012**  
February 19-22, 2012  
Planet Hollywood Casino, Las Vegas

**PDCA Associates Night**  
March 21, 2012  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**JATC Graduation**  
April 20, 2012  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**Chicago PDCA Golf Classic**  
June 15, 2012  
Schaumburg Golf Club, Schaumburg

### ELECTION CENTRAL:

Jeff Hester, Hester Decorating (President), Don Steadman, All-Tech Decorating (Vice President), Leo Hart, National Decorating Service (Secretary), Scott Hall, Triangle Decorating (Treasurer), and Chuck Kakos, The Levy Company (Board Member) were elected at the luncheon.



A Few  
Final Words  
From ...

**TOM TYRAKOWSKI**  
President, FCA of Chicago

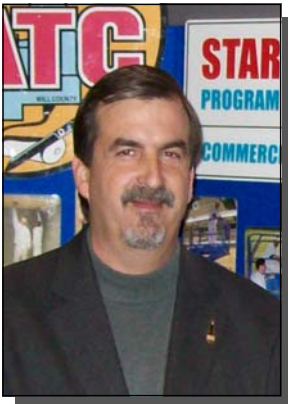
### LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD

As the year winds down, and we brace ourselves for what lies ahead in 2012, let's be grateful for what we have. The cup may only be half full just now, but that's better than half empty, if you follow my logic. And maybe, just maybe, the fragile signs of economic recovery will gain strength as the new year rolls by.

At our shop, I have to say that things got busier as the past year unraveled, so maybe that trend will persist. Let's hope for the best.

Meanwhile, I must pause while drafting my final column as your President and reflect for a moment on the people who have come and gone over the years, paying silent tribute particularly to the ones who are no longer with us.

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## News From The Apprentice School...

By **ED BOGDAN**, *Apprentice Training Coordinator*

Financial reports from the JATC Committee for October, 2011, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$184,550.34 plus Investment Income of \$88,217.90 minus Expenses of \$153,967.51 have yielded a Net Income of \$118,800.73.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,412,067.87 Investment Income of \$172,073.74 minus Expenses of \$1,497,461.54 have yielded a Net Income of \$86,680.07. The Fund Value as of 10/31/11 was \$4,798,648.47.

Once again, we make another plea regarding the "Vinyl Season." It's just around the corner, when commercial vinyl jobs start ramping up. Every year, we get calls for apprentices with vinyl experience. Trying to get ahead of that ball, I ask our contractors to give their apprentices a chance to learn these skills *before* the jobs hit. We have added time to the vinyl curriculum, but know that on-the-job training is the best training there is.

**WE ALSO ASK ALL PDCA ASSOCIATES & FCAC CONTRACTORS FOR DONATIONS OF 54" VINYL TO HELP US KEEP THIS PROGRAM GOING!**

Date . . . JANUARY 20, 2012

Cocktails . . . . . 6:30 PM

Dinner . . . . . 7:30 PM

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## **BEACH BUM BAND TO ENTERTAIN AT 1-20-12 PRESIDENT'S NIGHT!**

**Featuring Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band!**



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"ON-LINE" FOR  
PRESIDENT'S NIGHT  
ON JANUARY 20th!**

**F**orget about winter for a while and enjoy an evening filled with warm weather island music, some variety for everybody, and enough Buffett music to please the Parrothead crowd. The Beach Bum Band, specializing in Tropical Rock, Reggae, Caribbean, and Beach Music, has traveled across the country performing on stage with Jimmy Buffett as his backup band for charity events from North Carolina to Wisconsin. This seven to nine piece band brings you steel drums, rockin' guitars, horns, percussion, harmonies, and Lots of Fun! We've got a dance floor, and consider it filled in advance!

**W**e have a fun evening planned as FCAC President Tom Tyrakowski passes the gavel to our new President, Jeff

Hester, and we launch 2012 in style. Come at 6:30 PM for Cocktails, Dinner will be served at 7:30 PM, and the Installation of new FCAC Directors will follow.

**I**AF Contributing Contractors, FCAC/PDCA Contractors, and PDCA Associates are entitled to one FREE attendee (extra guests are welcome at \$25.00 each). Register on-line or mail your reservations to FCAC at 3s530 Mignin Drive, Warrenville, IL 60555 . . . or FAX your guest list to 630/393-1393.

Personally, I've served on the FCAC-PDCA Board for a number of years now . . . enough time to work through the chairs, first as a Board Member, then later as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and for the last two years, President. This rotation has been our custom for generations of association leaders, and the process has worked well. Freshmen Board Members have rubbed shoulders with experienced hands, who in turn passed on their wisdom and shared a collective memory in keeping a steady hand on the tiller of association business.

Now it's time for me to become a Past President as Jeff Hester steps

up to the plate (come President's Night) to take his Oath of Office as your new President. As this change of guard takes place, it is timely to consider the past as well, and pay respect to our predecessors.

Reviewing the past 20 years, I must salute people like Harold Wexler, Dave Thorson, Jay Wilson, Rick Ascher, Ken Shaw, Norm Van Kampen, Erich Waelter, Wayne Hanson, Keith Farnham, Terry Bobbe, Fred Levy, and Tom Hester for their service. It has been a privilege to serve with these gentlemen, and an experience I will never forget. We all owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for

their time and effort, knowing that FCAC and PDCA have flourished due to their leadership.

Now we are losing participation by Marty Tew, Norb Soltysiak, and Al DeLange, who are moving on to pursue other interests or retire. I have truly valued their friendship and highly respect their skills.

As we draw in fresh leaders to continuously reinvigorate the association with new ideas, I feel particularly fortunate to have served with the best of the best.

Happy New Year!

**Tom**