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BEACH BUM BAND TO ENTERTAIN AT 1-18-13 PRESIDENT'S NIGHT!

Featuring Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band!

Forget 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!



We have a fun evening planned as new and incumbent FCAC Directors are sworn in. Come at 6:30 PM for Cocktails, Dinner will be served at 7:30 PM, and the Installation of new FCAC Directors will follow.

IAF 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.

Date . . . JANUARY 18, 2013
Cocktails6:30 PM
Dinner7:30 PM

ROSEWOOD RESTAURANT
9421 WEST HIGGINS ROAD
ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS

RSVP To: 630/393-1313 or
register online at
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WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Don Steadman reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for October, 2012, that Income of \$3,527,403.76 plus Investment Income of \$1,683,319.29 minus Expenses of \$1,962,606.92 yielded a Net Income of \$3,248,116.13.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$20,312,398.97 plus Investment Income of \$3,278,687.23 minus Expenses of \$16,447,200.52 have yielded a Net Income of \$7,143,885.68.

The Fund Value as of 10/31/12 was \$108,403,199.71.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Miles Beatty reports for the Pension Fund for October, 2012, that Ordinary Income of \$3,341,844.49 plus Investment Income of \$1,994,222.42 minus Expenses of \$3,428,670.35 yielded a Total Net Income of \$1,907,396.56.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$21,645,200.06 plus Investment Income of \$19,297,674.31 minus Expenses of \$24,338,281.95 have yielded a Net Income of \$16,604,592.42.

The Fund Value as of 10/31/12 was \$573,805,576.27.

2013 

FCAC & PDCA Meetings & Events

FCAC President's Night
January 18, 2013
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

National PDCA Expo 2013
March 3-6, 2013
Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St. Louis, MO

PDCA Associates Night
March 20, 2013
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

Chicago PDCA Golf Classic
June 14, 2013
Schaumburg Golf Club, Schaumburg

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FCAC MEMBER!

Taet Painting, LLC located in Chicago, IL, is represented by Theresa Sorrells. Welcome aboard!

A Few Words From . . .



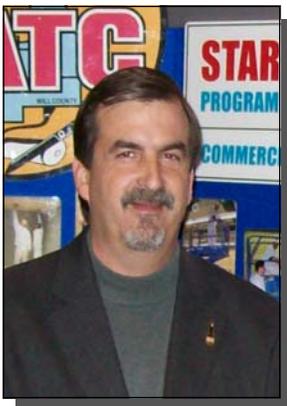
JEFF HESTER
President, FCA of Chicago

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello all, it's that time of year again when Contractors look to make the final push for a profitable year. We also look forward to spending some well-deserved time off with our children, grandchildren, parents and entire families. That being said, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy Chanukah, and Happy

Festivas. And here's to whatever end of year Holiday you celebrate. Let's all take time to celebrate but, most of all, thank the people that allow us to celebrate whatever and with whomever we want. And those people are the men and women who serve our great country in the Armed Forces. These brave men and women who are willing to lay down their lives for all of us to be able to celebrate whatever we want, and they do it every day. Their schedule knows no weekend or holiday days off.

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News From The Apprentice School...

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

Financial reports from the JATC Committee for October, 2012, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$181,349.70 plus Investment Income of (\$2,040.65) minus Expenses of \$121,719.84 have yielded a Net Income of \$57,589.21.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,578,940.70 plus Investment Income of \$297,665.40 minus Expenses of \$1,395,525.13 have yielded a Net Income of \$481,080.97. The Fund Value as of 10/31/12 was \$5,111,070.35.

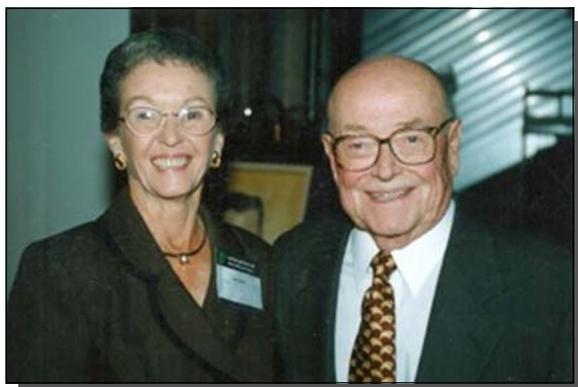
Memories of Jim Castles

James Noelle Castles, age 90, passed away peacefully at his home in Arlington Heights on November 27, 2012. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force (15th Air Force, 455th Bomb Group) and a highly respected Chicago painting contractor. Jim was the beloved husband of Jean (nee Watt) for 62 years; the loving father of Lynne I. (John) Creighton, Jeffrey J. (Eileen) and Richard W. Castles; and the dear grandfather of David J. Oleksy, J. Steven, and Melissa M. Castles.

He graduated from the University of Illinois, Class of 1944, and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. As President of the J.B. Noelle Painting & Decorating Company in Chicago, he successfully steered the growth of the family firm founded in 1908 by his grandfather, Joseph B. Noelle.

Jim was a Past President and Board Member of the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association of Chicago and served as a Trustee and Chairman of the Painting Industry Health & Welfare Fund. A lifelong avid golfer, he was a past Board Member of the Rolling Green Country Club. Services were held for him at the First Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights. Donations in his memory are being gratefully accepted by the family to the First Presbyterian Church (302 N. Dunton Street, Arlington Heights 60004) or Rainbow Hospice (1550 Bishop Court, Mt Prospect, IL 60056).

Sincerest condolences have been expressed by the Association to his entire family, most notably his



son, Jeff Castles (also a Past President of Chicago PDCA/FCAC), who is presently retiring from his service on the Board of Directors and position at the Ascher Brothers Company. Jim will be fondly remembered by his many friends and business associates in the Chicago PDCA/FCAC family for his sprightly manner, quick wit, and sharp business acumen.

Former PDCA Executive Director Bill Findling noted several years ago, "He was the best President I ever served with. We got along just fine after he corrected my pronunciation of his company's name."

"Don't say it like 'noel' he said. It's NO-LEE!"

FCA International Accepting Crest Award Submissions

To encourage and recognize excellence in safety, FCA, in co-operation with its Affiliates, announces its CREST (Contractors Recognizing Excellence in Safety Training) Awards Program for Safety Performance in 2012.

Through this program, FCA seeks to honor contractors by giving national recognition to those members that lead effective safety programs throughout the year.



*For more information, visit www.finishingcontractors.org.
To register, visit www.esafetyline.net/FCAAward.*

Let's also remember all those Contractors and Union Partners that have brought us to where we are now as an Industry. We should never forget all the great Contractors and Union leaders that we have known and learned from in the past. We learn from their accomplishments, and even from their mistakes . . . from things that worked in the past to things that just didn't work. One thing you can say is those men and women on both sides of Labor and Management did what they thought best at the time for our Industry! They took the time and put their stamp on the way we do business today.

Whether or not everyone realizes it, we are approaching a crucial time

in our Industry in the not so distant future. There are going to be some hard decisions to be made by both Management and Labor to which directions we want our Industry to move in the future. Our FCAC Board is calling on you, the Contractors, to get involved. We need you to come to a meeting or two to let us know your opinions on where we should be focusing our resources and where you wish the FCAC to be focused. This is your FCAC . . . there are some eleven different companies represented on our Board. Its Members take part in meetings on a monthly basis and if we don't have any input from our other seventy-two FCAC Contractor Members, we will decide ourselves the direction we will head. It's two hours a month to help move our Industry into the future. Please

call me or one of your Board Members and get involved by telling us what and where you would like our FCAC to be heading in 2013.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season with your families! Remember to thank a Serviceman when you see one this Holiday Season. Most of all, let's all say a pray for those that have gone before us in our Industry and our personal life. And say a prayer for all of us going on to face a bright future. I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season, and a Safe and Healthy New Year!

Jeff