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WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Don Steadman reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for February, 2013, that Income of \$2,771,303.28 plus Investment Income of \$1,652,321.57 minus Expenses of \$3,134,758.89 yielded a Net Income of \$1,288,865.96.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$33,217,669.98 plus Investment Income of \$6,214,312.20 minus Expenses of \$28,339,871.22 have yielded a Net Income of \$11,092,110.96.

The Fund Value as of 02/28/13 was \$112,358,322.00.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Miles Beatty reports for the Pension Fund for February, 2013, that Ordinary Income of \$2,444,029.14 plus Investment Income of \$5,485,612.58 minus Expenses of \$3,636,496.71 yielded a Total Net Income of \$4,293,145.01.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$33,360,513.58 plus Investment Income of \$46,824,156.66 minus Expenses of \$38,221,363.70 have yielded a Net Income of \$41,963,306.54.

The Fund Value as of 02/28/13 was \$599,179,012.72.

ASSOCIATES NIGHT AT HOFBRÄUHAUS - PROST!

March 20, 2013 ☉ Hofbräuhaus Chicago



Nearly two hundred Contractors, Painters, Vendors, and Union Partners attended the annual PDCA Associates Night Tradeshow on March 20, 2013, at the exciting new Hofbräuhaus Chicago in Rosemont, IL. Guests visited the 26 vendor booths; bid on a variety of silent auction items donated by the Chicago PDCA Associates, restaurants, and

the Laner Muchin law firm; and were treated to a robust German-style buffet dinner.

There were plenty of prizes taken home by the lucky raffle and bingo card winners, including \$50.00 booth prizes from each of the vendors, \$50.00, \$100.00, and \$150.00 gift cards, and a \$500.00 cash Grand Prize!

2013 
FCAC & PDCA

FCA Int'l Leadership Council
 May 29—June 1, 2013
 Hotel Monaco, Philadelphia, PA

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

FCAC General Membership Meeting
 September 11, 2013
 Maggiano's Little Italy, Chicago

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FCAC MEMBERS!
A. C. Brown Construction located in Chicago, IL is represented by **Willie L. Brown III.**
International Decorators, Inc. located in Barrington, IL is represented by **Butch Pintozzi.**
Vernate Construction located in Chicago, IL is represented by **Nate Brown.**
WELCOME ABOARD!



A Few Words From ...

JEFF HESTER

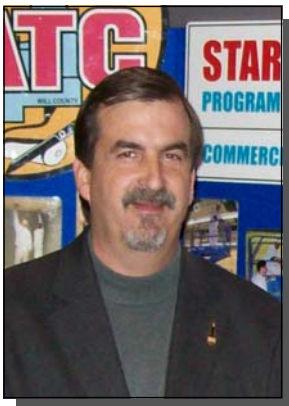
HELLO EVERYONE!

I write this as the temperature finally has reached into the 80's for the first time in seven months. Now we can look forward to getting into what, historically, has been our busy season.

With that said I hope to hear from all contractors on where our Association, the FCAC, should be

headed in the future. I know I have said this before and this time I will say it at the beginning of the column. The FCAC is headed in a new and exciting direction. For the past year and a half changes have begun to happen and will hopefully continue at a steady pace. Please join us, the FCAC Board, with our future plans and determine the direction we will go. I encourage you to call me or any board member

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News From The Apprentice School...

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

Financial reports from the JATC Committee for February, 2013, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$127,622.60 plus Investment Income of \$24,027.71 minus Expenses of \$275,215.03 have yielded a Net Income of (\$123,564.72).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$328,767.92 plus Investment Income of \$53,576.19 minus Expenses of \$378,931.37 have yielded a Net Income of \$3,412.74. The Fund Value as of 02/28/13 was \$5,176,595.00.

CHICAGO TALLIES TWO PIPP AWARDS!

FCAC President, Jeff Hester (Hester Decorating) and FCAC Executive Director, Janisse Merelos, attended the National PDCA Expo 2013 held in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 3-6, 2013, and brought home two "Picture It Painted Professionally" (PIPP) Awards for Chicago. The PIPP Award honors the outstanding projects of PDCA's professional painting and decorating contractors.

Hester Decorating won in the Commercial Interior category for work on WMS Gaming's new corporate headquarters in Chicago, IL. Jeff and Janisse accepted a Community Improvement Award for Chicago PDCA's painting of the Cornerstone Community Outreach Center, a homeless shelter in uptown Chicago. This project was a Chicago PDCA charitable painting project funded by the proceeds of the annual Chicago Associates' 2011 golf outing.

Well done, Hester Decorating and Chicago PDCA!

CHICAGO PDCA GOLF CLASSIC Friday, June 14, 2013 Schaumburg Golf Club



- ☐ Check-in, Coffee & Rolls—7:00 AM
- ☐ Tee-Time Shotgun Start—8:00 AM
- ☐ Cocktails—1:30 PM
- ☐ Lunch & Awards—2:00 PM

Register Online at www.chicagopdca.org.



Left: Chicago PDCA/FCAC President Jeff Hester, center (Hester Painting and Decorating) accepts a PIPP Award from Tim O'Reilly, left (Pro Marketing Specialist, KILZ) and David Ayala, right (PDCA Chairman). Hester Decorating's work on the WMS Gaming corporate headquarters in Chicago won in the Commercial Interior category.

Right: Chicago PDCA/FCAC President Jeff Hester, left, and Chicago PDCA/FCAC Executive Director Jan Merelos, right, accept the Community Improvement PIPP Award on behalf of the Chicago Council PDCA for funding and organizing the painting of stairwells and hallways in the Cornerstone Community Outreach Center.



UPDATED DAVIS-BACON ACT BILL

On April 18 Rep. Jeff Duncan introduced a bill (H.R. 1637) that would raise the dollar threshold for prevailing wage-covered construction projects to \$50,000. The Adjusting Davis-Bacon for Inflation Act would amend the Davis-Bacon Act to change the value requirement that federally funded projects must meet to be covered by the law.

Currently all federally funded construction projects valued at \$2,000 or more are subject to prevailing wage requirements. If Duncan's bill is adopted, contractors working on projects valued at \$50,000 or more would be required to pay their workers the prevailing wage. Congressman Duncan thinks his bill would be a great way to generate savings for the federal government. The spokesman added that the current threshold has not been changed since the Davis-Bacon Act was adopted in 1931.

to ask questions or share ideas you may have to better our Industry.

It was great to see so many new faces at this year's Associates Night tradeshow at the new Hofbräuhaus Chicago. It was an exciting night of networking and fun at the new German restaurant and beer hall. Many thanks to the Associates for their support, silent auction donations, and for sponsoring so many contractor and painter guests!

I hope to see more of you on June 14th at our annual PDCA Golf Outing. This year we will be returning to the Schaumburg Golf Club. As

always, we'll have a great time socializing with our Associate Members and DC 14 Union Partners in an informal setting. Every year this is one of our best-attended events, so let's keep the momentum going by having contractors that we haven't seen in a while come and shake some hands and share business stories and hopes. The outing is a scramble format, so it doesn't matter if you are a good golfer or just a hack... come and share some fun times with everyone!

I am also excited to announce that FCAC is bringing back the 50/50

offer this spring so you can outfit your employees with fresh caps, polo shirts and windshirts with the IAF logo and your company logo. Every signatory company will have the opportunity to purchase these items at half price. Fliers with all the information and ordering instructions will be coming out soon. I hope everyone takes advantage if this special deal.

That's it for now.

Until next time.

Jeff