

# PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

News from Chicago PDCA/FCA/IAF

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## WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health and Welfare Fund for November, 2005, that Total Ordinary Income of \$3,152,677.76 plus Total Investment Income of \$761,555.63 minus Total expenses of \$2,893,025.11 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$1,075,208.28. For the Year-to-Date, Total Ordinary Income of \$23,197,664.27 plus Total Investment Income of \$1,719,642.50 minus Total Expenses of \$19,146,807.23 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$5,770,499.54. As of 11/30/05, the Fund Value was \$66,795,473.33.

## PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for November, 2005, that Ordinary Income of \$2,498,125.07 plus Investment Income of \$9,220,876.84 minus Expenses of \$2,042,879.39 yielded a Net Income of \$9,676,122.52. For the year-to-date, Ordinary Income of \$20,645,349.68 plus Total Investment Income of \$23,903,041.02 minus Total Expenses of \$16,494,320.40 have yielded a Net Income of \$28,054,070.30. As of 11/30/05, the Fund Value was \$423,508,511.50.



## PDCA/FCA CALENDAR

### Of 2006 Meetings & Events

- PDCA President's Night . . . . . January 20, 2006  
*Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont*
- PDCA Convention . . . January 29 - February 6, 2006  
*Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, Florida*
- Heart of America Convention . . . March 16-19, 2006  
*Embassy Suites Hotel, Chicago*
- PDCA Associates Night . . . . . March 16, 2006  
*Embassy Suites Hotel, Chicago*
- PDCA Ladies Night . . . . . March 18, 2006  
*Odyssey Lake Cruise, Chicago*
- PDCA Golf Outing . . . . . June 16, 2006  
*Bloomington Golf Club, Bloomington*
- Joint Membership Meeting . . . . . September 13, 2006  
*Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook*
- PDCA Christmas Luncheon . . . . . December 13, 2006  
*Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook*



## A Few Words From **MARTY TEW** President, Chicago PDCA/FCA

### The Last Roundup...

Hello again . . . and welcome back for the last edition of "a few words." I realize that sometimes my few words have turned into

many, many words . . . but hope that you have enjoyed reading these columns for the last two years as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

It has been like taking Creative Writing 101 in night school, trying to come up with the fun facts and figures, create the satire, work in the hidden song lyrics, and relay the tales from strange-but-true real life experiences.

The holidays have now come and gone, and we are just flying into 2006. We are now in the grasp of winter and it is time to hunker down for that long hibernation. And I do mean hunker; did you get your gas bill yet? WHOA! Put another sweater on, throw another log on the fire, then rustle up some bacon and some beans. Now is the time to pull the throttle back and head to Florida for a few months.

For a moment now, I would like to draw your attention to recapping some of the past year's highlights. This year, we partnered with PDC14 to launch an innovative new job

safety training/journeyman upgrade program called STAR which will take effect in early 2006. Planning continues on STAR, but we know that the program will offer participating painters who qualify by working the required number of safe hours on the job an opportunity to win substantial prizes in drawings to be conducted at the end of the year (major appliances, home entertainment equipment, tools, wearing apparel, and perhaps even a pickup truck). Our hope is to surpass the already- excellent job safety record of our contractors.

Saddened by the plight of our fellow countrymen who suffered the ravages of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the association contributed \$15,000.00 to the Gulf Coast Relief Effort. Our brothers at Painters District Council No. 14 did even more, contributing an astounding \$100,000.00 to the relief efforts. Working together, Union contractors and their Union partners around the country have generously donated millions of dollars this year to relieve the suffering of Gulf Coast residents and provide them with housing, food, clothing, and jobs.

We also undertook a charitable painting project at Ace Tech High school on the south side of Chicago to assist this Charter School in its mission of providing educational

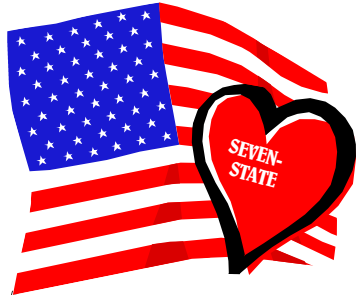
opportunities for disadvantaged and minority youths in such challenging career fields as architecture, engineering, and construction. Some graduates of Ace Tech High School will ultimately enter degree programs at institutions of higher learning. Others will flow into the construction trades Apprenticeship programs, with plans to become painters, tapers, plumbers, electricians, or carpenters.

Looking forward to the New Year ahead, our Associates group Trade show will anchor the 2006 Heart of America convention on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Columbus Drive. This year's trade show is expected to draw attendees from seven states across mid America and promises to be HUGE this year (remember George Hedley and his Hard Hat Seminars? Everything was HUGE!!!).

Even sooner, our first event of the year is approaching and this year's Presidents Night promises epic proportions. No soft jazz or proper behavior this year. A lively country band (Strait Southern) is on tap, so dust off those cowboy boots and shine up that oversized belt buckle for a wild ride on that proverbial "mechanical bull" of an evening.

I'll leave you with the words of one Michael Murphy, "I just want to be a cosmic cowboy, I just want to ride and rope, and hoot. I'm gonna buy me a vest and head out west." See you all at the Rosewood Ranch on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Marty*



## **“HEART OF AMERICA” REGIONAL PDCA CONVENTION 2006 TRADESHOW**

*For this event only, Chicago PDCA's "Associates Night" moves into the PDCA "Heart of America" Regional Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Chicago. Register now...join the fun in Chicago!*

### **Thursday, March 16, 2006**

**PDCA ASSOCIATES NIGHT**

- Setup Time for Associates at 12:00 PM
- Doors Open for Contractors at 4:00 PM
- Hors 'd Oeuvres Served Continuously
- Program & Drawings at 7:30 PM

ALL PARTICIPATING ASSOCIATE MEMBER COMPANIES PRESENT FOR THE EVENT MUST PAY THE \$500.00 COVER CHARGE. LIMITED BOOTH DISPLAY SPACE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. RESERVE YOUR BOOTH BY 2/28/06! EVERY EXHIBITOR MAY RAFFLE A BOOTH PRIZE WITH A MAXIMUM VALUE OF \$50.00. WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN DRAWINGS! NAME BADGES WILL BE READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE DOOR. ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR BOOTH RESERVATION. WE WILL REFUND ALL CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED BY MARCH 9, 2006. WALK-IN CONTRACTORS WELCOME!

- ◆ **ADMISSION FREE TO FULL CONVENTION REGISTRANTS!**
- ◆ **ASSOCIATE BOOTH PRIZE DRAWINGS!**
- ◆ **ASSOCIATE SHOW SPECIALS!**
- ◆ **\$500 CASH DOOR PRIZE! (Winner Must Be Present!)**

**THE ASSOCIATES NIGHT TRADESHOW IS INCLUDED WITH A HEART OF AMERICA CONVENTION REGISTRATION. ALL LOCAL CONTRACTORS MUST PAY THE \$25.00 ASSOCIATES NIGHT ADMISSION FEE DIRECTLY TO CHICAGO PDCA. ATTENDING ASSOCIATE VENDORS MUST PAY THE \$500.00 BOOTH FEE/COVER CHARGE TO PARTICIPATE (INCLUDES 4 FREE ADMISSIONS). VENDORS MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TRADESHOW ADMISSIONS AT \$25.00 EACH. ALL CHICAGO-AREA UNION & NON-UNION CONTRACTORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!**

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FOR MORE NORMATION**

### *Heart of America Convention Highlights Will Include:*

- Tour & lunch at world-renowned Chicago Merchandise Mart
- Tours of contractor showroom and JATC Apprentice School in the works
- Entertaining educational sessions by consultant Charles Vander Kooi
- Faux Finishes and Architectural Seminars
- Thursday 4-8 PM Associates Night Tradeshow
- Friday Night St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- "Ladies Night" Saturday Dinner/Dance aboard the Odyssey II
- Hospitality Rooms Planned on a Single Floor
- Daily Cocktail Receptions

**CHICAGO PDCA  
PRESIDENT'S NIGHT**

**STRAIT  
SOUTHERN**  
*Will Entertain!*

**Join Us  
January 20<sup>th</sup>  
At President's  
Night!**

**ROSEWOOD RESTAURANT**  
9421 West Higgins Road  
Rosemont, Illinois

**Cocktails will be served at 6:30 PM, with Dinner following at 7:30 PM. A PDCA/FCA General Membership Meeting and the Installation of new Officers and Directors will follow Dinner.**

**Each IAF Contributing Contractor Company, PDCA/FCA Contractor Company, or PDCA Associate Member Company is entitled to one FREE attendee. Extra guests are welcome at \$25.00 each.**

**RSVP TO PDCA (630/393-1313)**