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March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia*



**A Word from
MILES BEATTY
President,
Chicago
PDCA/FCA**

THOUGHTS AT LARGE...

We just finished up the first round of Chicago's annual Cross Town Classic, and whether you're a Cubs fan or a Sox fan, it really does signal that Summer is here. I hope everyone is busy, that the work backlog is good, and that we're all making money. That may sound optimistic, but, hey... Chicago even brought home a World Series trophy this past Fall for the first time in, what, 88 years? So maybe we'll all have great years in 2006!

To survive and prosper as Union Contractors, we must continue exploring new ways to separate ourselves from the non-Union competition. Don't forget to promote the STAR program with your own employees...stressing that it will make them a much more valuable asset to the firm than the painter who doesn't or won't participate.

Another way to separate ourselves from non-Union competition is beginning now to prepare for a possible bird flu pandemic. I know...what if it never happens, we'll look like idiots. But what if it does happen? Most experts agree it's not a matter of if, but when. Will your individual residential customers or your commercial customers allow service people in their homes or buildings? How long will it last? What precautions can be taken? Can we test our employees and certify them as healthy? Can we inoculate them and certify them as non-transmitters? This is not an original idea of mine... these thoughts on the bird flu came from a Contractor friend over breakfast, but the more we talked, the more I became convinced that this has the potential to stifle the service industry businesses more than 9/11.

As a Contractor group, and in league with our Union partners, we need to become proactive and make policies

WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Keith Farnham reports for the Health and Welfare Fund for April, 2006, that Income of \$2,721,066.84 plus Investment Income of \$347,499.48 minus Expenses of \$1,837,992.22 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$1,230,574.10.

For the Year-to-Date, Income of \$37,873,753.05 plus Investment Income of \$3,038,935.69 minus Expenses of \$32,373,519.11 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$8,539,169.63.

As of 4/30/06, the Fund Value was \$70,392,187.74.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for March, 2006, that Ordinary Income of \$2,521,320.60 plus Investment Income of \$5,085,654.37 minus Expenses of \$2,026,296.14 yielded a Net Income of \$5,580,678.83.

For the year-to-date, Ordinary Income of \$30,510,168.29 plus Total Investment Income of \$41,189,036.60 minus Expenses of \$24,872,020.04 have yielded a Net Income of \$46,827,184.85.

As of 3/31/06, the Fund Value was \$442,311,380.47.



THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL NEEDS:

- 54" COMMERCIAL VINYL
- WALLPAPER & WALLCOVERINGS
- WHITE & OFF-WHITE PAINT
- TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
- FAUX FINISH PRODUCTS
- ZOLA-TONE & MULTI-SPEC PAINT
- DRYWALL BOARD
- DRYWALL COMPOUNDS
- DRYWALL TOOLS

...AND YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED!



PDCA/FCA CALENDAR 2006-2007 Meetings & Events

PDCA Golf Outing

June 16, 2006
Bloomingdale G. C., Bloomingdale

Joint Membership Meeting

September 20, 2006
Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook

FCA Midwest Conference

September 21-22, 2006
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago

Finishing Industry Forum & FCA Annual Meeting

November 13 -15, 2006
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada

PDCA Christmas Luncheon

December 13, 2006
Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook

PDCA/FCA President's Night

January 26, 2007
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PACE Expo 2007

PDCA National Convention
February 11-14, 2007
Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas

PDCA Associate's Night

March 21, 2007
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR MORE NEWS!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT... SIGN UP NOW FOR **THE 2006 CHICAGO PDCA/FCA GOLF CLASSIC!**

JUNE 16, 2006, AT BLOOMINGDALE GOLF CLUB
181 Glen Ellyn Road □ Bloomingtondale, IL 60108 □ 630/529-3380

PLEASE...UNION PAINTING CONTRACTORS
ONLY...MAXIMUM OF 160 GOLFERS!

SHOTGUN START □ SCRAMBLE □ \$125 FOR BREAKFAST, GOLF & LUNCH

- **HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE**
- **LONGEST DRIVE CONTEST**
- **CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN CONTEST**
- **LONGEST PUTT CONTEST**
- **LOW TEAM SCORE PRIZE**

CHECK-IN/COFFEE & ROLLS 7:00 to 7:30 AM
TEE-TIME FOR SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM
COCKTAILS 1:30 PM
LUNCH & AWARDS PROGRAM 2:00 PM

YOUR SPONSORSHIPS FOR TEES,
GREENS & CONTESTS WILL HELP FINANCE
THE 2006 PDCA/FCA GOLF OUTING!



ASSOCIATE WORKER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...
CALL THE CHICAGO PDCA/FCA OFFICE TODAY AT 630/393-1313!



The STAR Program is an innovative effort by Painters' District Council 14, employer partners Chicago PDCA/FCA and GDCNI, and the JATC/DFTC School to create incentives for Safety Training and Continuing Education within the Union workforce.

It requires at least 1000 hours of work with at least 800 safe hours to become eligible for the program, which offers the opportunity to win substantial prizes. At least 40 hours of training are

required for the year, including 10 hours of Safety Training and 30 hours of Journeyman Upgrading training. All program participants must have fully-documented safe work and continuing education records.

At the end of the year, a celebration party will be held for workers and their families, with prizes including a vehicle, a family vacation to Disney World, and major electronic equipment to be won through random drawings. While all qualified participants have the chance to win the major prizes, every attendee at the celebration will receive Carhartt work clothing, Redwing work shoes,

and other valuable giveaways.

STAR participants are at liberty to select among available Journeyman Upgrading courses for their 30 hours of continuing education, and may choose their required 10 hours of Safety Training from the following:

- **OSHA 10-Hour and 30-hour Training**
- **City of Chicago Scaffold Training**
- **Lead Abatement Training**
- **ANSI/AWP Requirement Training**
- **Scaffold Erect/Use/Dismantle Training**
- **Red Cross First Aid/CPR Training**
- **Fall Protection Training**

and procedures to deal with what could well become a crippling crisis for our industry. If we start now, we can be prepared to respond to this situation. You know the non-Union contractor won't be. And if, by some miracle, it doesn't happen, I can put up with people calling me "Chicken Little" because we can well recall a famous hunting guide once advising, "Expect the best but prepare for the worst."

That said, my thoughts turn outdoors to warm days and the recreational opportunities we face...not the least of which is the forthcoming Chicago PDCA Golf Classic. Our outing moves to Bloomingdale Golf Club this year on June 16th, and the Associates have planned a fabulous outing at the new venue.

We should all get behind this event, which is one of our major opportunities to gather for fellowship and friendly combat. Please note the enclosed flyer offering Sponsorship opportunities and give if you

can...the proceeds allow our Associates to host a really fine event and help fund their other activities during the year.

In closing, I should acknowledge the outstanding Associates Night Tradeshow we enjoyed on March 16th at the Embassy Suites in Chicago. This year, for one time only, Associates Night was imbedded in the "Heart of America" regional PDCA Convention and we journeyed downtown for a different kind of experience. The setting was very deluxe and the atmosphere quite festive. Upwards of 300 attendees enjoyed a truly fine experience. Returning to our previous location at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont is likely for 2007, and the Associates are considering carrying over some features from this year, such as the continuous food buffet, rather than a sit-down meal. I look forward to it!

Miles