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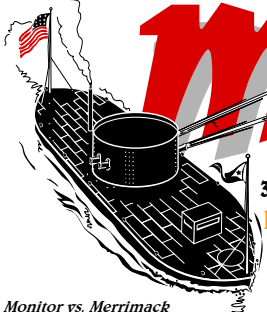
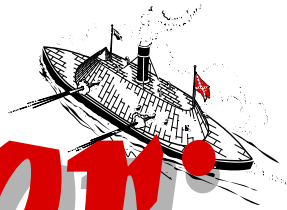
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Monitor vs. Merrimack
March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia



A Word from
**NORB
SOLTYSIAK**
President,
FCA of Chicago

WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Norb Soltysiak reports for the Welfare Fund for August, 2008, that Ordinary Income of \$3,634,970.79 plus Investment Income of \$42,713.64 minus Expenses of \$3,073,716.07 yielded a Net Income of \$603,968.36.

For the Fiscal Year to Date, Income of \$14,251,025.21 plus Investments of (\$2,202,781.00) minus Expenses of \$12,698,821.19 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$650,576.98). As of 8/31/08, the Fund Value was \$89,163,003.95.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Tom Hester reports for the Pension Fund for August, 2008, that Income of \$3,580,554.32 plus Investment Income (\$2,847,999.08) minus Expenses of \$2,512,601.20 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$1,780,045.96). For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$17,202,091.00 plus Investment Income of (\$7,057,084.63) minus Expenses of \$12,383,251.96 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$2,238,245.59). As of 8/31/08, the Fund Value was \$512,364,795.05.



SAVE THESE DATES!

**Finishing Industry Forum
FCA National Convention**
November 10-13, 2008
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas

Associates Christmas Luncheon
December 5, 2008
Finley's Grill, Downers Grove

**FCAC/PDCA
Christmas Luncheon**
December 10, 2008
Maggiano's Little Italy, Schaumburg

**FCAC/PDCA
President's Night**
January 23, 2009
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**PACE EXPO
National PDCA Convention**
February 15-18, 2009
New Orleans, Louisiana

PDCA Associate's Night
March 20, 2009
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**Richard Bobbe Memorial
FCAC/PDCA Golf Outing**
June 12, 2009
Bloomington Golf Club, Bloomington

INTERESTED IN GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGY?

Call FCAC at 630/393-1313 if you would like to attend a LEED Training Seminar presented by National FCA in our area. If we can provide a minimum of 10 attendees, they will conduct classes for us in Sustainability, Interpreting LEED Bid Specs, and LEED Exam Preparation.

FCAC HOSTS ITALIAN VISITORS

In September, we had an unexpected — but most enjoyable — delegation of Italian painting contractors arrive here in Chicago all the way from Milan, Italy.

It was one of those nice little adventures that just comes out of nowhere....

Mr. Fulvio Calcinardi, Executive Director of the Italian-American Chamber of Commerce, had called FCAC one day to inquire about showing a group of his countrymen around some sites of interest to painting contractors.

So, we quickly made plans for a get-acquainted meeting at his Michigan Avenue office with the 15 Italian visitors. Just a few days later, our plan came together with Tom Hester, Scott Hamilton, Barbara Krause, Jan Merelos, and myself representing FCAC, Mike Krawiec was there for the Apprentice School, and both John Spiros and Rich Tamborski appeared for Painters District Council No. 14.

Fulvio provided us with an interpreter to augment all of our yelling and hand gestures, which really were not doing too bad a job of communicating. It turns out that our visitors all do fine decorative painting in the many historic buildings and churches to be found on every corner in their country. It helped that they brought pictures and a write-up on each of their companies.

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News From The
***Apprentice
School***

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

As of the recent JATC Board Meeting, we have 189 regular Apprentices at the school, the unemployment rate is 7%, there are nine industrial Apprentices, 15 on Leave of Absence including five military absences, a 43% minority rate, and two female Apprentices. As of 8/31/08, the Fund market value was \$4,358,414.87.

At this writing, we are preparing for a JATC Graduation Dinner planned for October 17, 2008, at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont. Our Keynote Speaker will be the honorable Norbert Soltysiak, President of FCA of Chicago.

The September 6th STAR (Safety Training Awards Recognition) Awards Breakfast was a great success, with Helen Chung, a painter with Ascher Brothers, taking home the keys to a shiny new Ford F150 pickup truck. We are now amidst the third year of STAR safety and advanced training skills course offerings, so be sure that your own employees participate if they would like to win a truck of their own next year.

As always, please do keep us in mind for your leftover materials, which we use for training...

- 54" COMMERCIAL VINYL**
- WALLPAPER & WALLCOVERINGS**
- WHITE & OFF-WHITE PAINT**
- TOOLS & EQUIPMENT**
- FAUX FINISH PRODUCTS**
- PORCELAIN BATHTUBS & SINKS**
- DRYWALL BOARD**
- DRYWALL COMPOUNDS**
- DRYWALL TOOLS**

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***A POLE AND AN IRISHMAN
ESCORT THE ITALIAN
PAINTING & DECORATING
CONTRACTORS DELEGATION
FROM MILAN, ITALY***

Pausing at the Merchandise Mart for a group photo, the recent visiting delegation from the Painting & Decorating Contractors Association of Milan, Italy, was escorted by President Norb Soltysiak and Past President Tom Hester. Can you spot the Pole and the Irishman among all the Italians?

By now having become fast friends, our little entourage trooped off for a fine Italian lunch at Phil Stefani's at 437 Rush.

A little pasta and a little vino later, we boarded our bus for a visit to the Hester Decorating showroom on Clybourne, to be escorted personally by Tom Hester and Scott Hamilton, who graciously guided their guests, drawing admiration for their displays of fine Chicago workmanship.

Back on the tour bus, we headed south to visit the Merchandise Mart and see the Dream Home exhibits prepared with decorating services by the JATC-DFTC Apprentice Training Center. Mike Krawiec showed them through the Dream Home

rooms (which everyone in our industry should really find time to take a look at). As you might well expect, the designers had done a dynamite job of planning some stunning room treatments, and Mike's apprentices from the school had really done a great job on the finishing work.

With the afternoon winding down, Fulvio invited all to attend a festive cocktail reception at the magnificently-restored Santa Fe Building.

Morale was running pretty high after a really great day and no big snafus happening along the way. Guess I'm starting to get the hang of this job after all.

All the Best...

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