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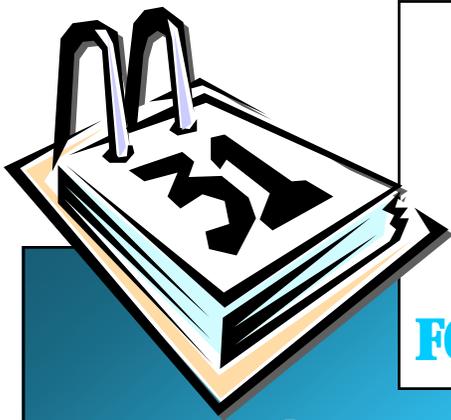
*Monitor vs. Merrimack  
March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia*

### WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Welfare fund Fund for December, 2008, that Ordinary Income of \$3,475,005.31 plus Investment Income of \$4,157,105.98 minus Expenses of \$3,721,848.57 yielded a Net Income of \$3,910,262.72. For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$29,844,382.61 plus Investment Income of (\$4,877,161.97) minus Expenses of \$25,854,315.56 yielded a Net Income of (\$877,094.92). The Fund Value as of 12/31/08 was \$88,926,233.94.

### PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for December, 2008, that Ordinary Income of \$3,264,269.09 plus Investment Income of \$8,238,186.79 minus Expenses of \$2,797,517.07 yielded a Net Income of \$8,704,938.81. For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$32,927,088.21 plus Investment Income of (\$88,611,560.79) minus Expenses of \$22,204,111.75 yielded a Net Income of (\$77,888,584.33). The Fund Value as of 12/31/08 was \$436,724,233.79.



## SAVE THESE DATES!

### Green Technology Seminar

March 19-20, 2009  
FCAI Training Center, Aurora

### PDCA Associate's Night

March 25, 2009  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

### Richard Bobbe Memorial

FCAC/PDCA Golf Outing  
June 12, 2009  
Bloomingtondale Golf Club, Bloomingtondale

### FCA Annual Council

June 17-20, 2009  
Loew's Coronado Bay, San Diego

### STAR Awards Breakfast

September 5, 2009  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

### FCAC Membership Meeting

September 9, 2009  
Maggiano's Little Italy, Chicago

### JATC Graduation

October 16, 2009 (Tentative Date)  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

### LMCI-FCA-IUPAT

Finishing Industry Forum  
November 8-12, 2009  
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas



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

## THE GREEN MACHINE IS COMING YOUR WAY

Like it or not, we all live in an ever-changing world, and must keep changing our old ways to survive.

The guy who was first to adopt the wheel gained an edge on the fellow tugging on a sled, and it's been that way ever since.

In our own industry, we have witnessed numerous technical advances over the years, and made the required adaptations to survive and prosper.

Who mixes their own lead-based paint these days? Can you remember a time when no one used rollers or sprayguns? And what about mandatory respirators?

Change is hard because we fear the unknown. It's also human nature to get set in your ways...you just don't want to be bothered with making changes.

Yet the progressive guy who embraces change may do pretty well. He gets an edge by pioneering...he's not afraid to be the first to buy a fax machine or put a mobile phone in the car.

Today we have a whole new era beginning, and it's color is **green**. Right now, the rules of this new game are sketchy, and we don't know exactly where it's headed. But it's not going away, and it's another one of those changes we have to make in the basic ways we think.

This is more than going from solvent-based paint to water-based.

[More...](#)

### Coming Soon To Help You Get Business:

A new website created to promote FCAC Contractors to our customers...

[www.finishingchicago.com](http://www.finishingchicago.com)

- Search engine to find contractors by market place & size of project
- Information about Commercial, Industrial & Residential Contractors
- Reasons why a customer should patronize an FCAC contractor



News From The  
**Apprentice  
School:**

*By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator*

As of our last JATC Board Meeting, there are 166 Apprentices at the school, unemployment is 33%, we have two Category II Industrial Apprentices, 22 Apprentices on Leave of Absence (including five military absences). We have a 46% minority rate and two female Apprentices. As of 12/31/08, the Fund's market value was \$4,302,270.

The window for enrolling new Apprentice hires has been closed, and the open period for unemployed Apprentices to stay in school has been extended from 30 days to 90 days, and it may

**ASSOCIATES NIGHT**  
**DATE CHANGE:**

*Please note on your calendar that this year's Associates Night will be held on March 25, 2009 at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont.*

*The event was originally scheduled to be held on the 20th, and initial releases showed that date. The Associates group made the date change so it could be held on a Wednesday rather than a Friday.*

be extended to as much as 180 days, due to our economic conditions. OJT training requirements will not be reduced, however.

FCAC Marketing Director Clark Johnson is now helping coordinate a new Dream Home project at the Merchandise Mart, which will again involve Apprentices in the decorating work.

Call us at 708/449-5282 to donate materials! All donated materials can be written off, and they help our education program. We can always use...

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

**FREE GREEN TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR**  
**FOR THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE FCAI-FCAC-FCA FEBRUARY 2009 CONFERENCE!**  
**OR...\$250 PER PERSON FOR CONTRACTORS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE**  
**PREPARE FOR THE LEED ACCREDITATION TEST WITH THIS**  
**LEED IMMERSION COURSE — FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
**March 19 & 20, 2009**  
**FCAI Educational Center — 1991 W. Downer Place in Aurora — 630-264-7880**  
**AUDIENCE: All FCAC & FCAI Contractors**  
**7:30- 8:00AM — Continental Breakfast w/Registration on the 1st day**  
**8:00AM- 4:00PM — Program w/Lunch provided each day**



**STUDY MATERIALS INCLUDED:**

- LEED for New Construction Reference Guide
- LEED Project Registration
- LEED Certification Process
- LEED Online

**INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Eaton**  
 (who presented the LMCI "Green Academy" in February)  
**To register contact FCAI by March 5, 2009**  
**Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois**  
 1991 W. Downer Place, Aurora 60506 ☐ 630-264-7880

Now we must consider not only the downside of polluting the environment, but also the real need to enact conservation in all of its respects.

That's what the so-called "Green Revolution" is all about. It's a new philosophy for the entire construction industry to embrace amidst a changing world...a world that increasingly realizes it has limited resources and is confronted with startling new economic realities.

It's more than the political buzzword of the day...it's real, and it's here to stay. So, once again, we need to get our heads around something new and change our ways to cope with a changed world.

One day, all of the elements of "green" building technology will no doubt become part of the building codes we follow. For now, though, we're all just feeling our way along and trying to understand where it's going.

That said, there is a group that has taken the initiative to establish guidelines and give form to the future...the Green Building Council. They have created the standards set forth in "LEED" certification, which stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design and ties into a set of new standards for green building design.

Today, there is training that prepares you to take a test and become LEED-certified (see the box above), but this is an all-embracing and comprehensive approach that may well exceed what painting contractors really want or have time for today.

For that reason, your Board is presently seeking another more specific kind of training for our members that will focus directly upon painting.

Watch this space for more information in the coming months...we're doing our best to help you become that early adopter of the wheel. Now is not time to be dragging around a sled...

All the Best...  
**Norb**