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

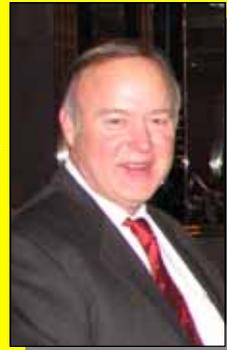
## WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund that for November, 2009, Ordinary Income of \$2,891,428.61 plus Investment Income of \$1,240,760.50 minus Expenses of \$3,061,844.04 yielded a Net Income of \$1,070,345.07.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$21,532,860.31 plus Investment Income of \$8,255,160.87 minus Expenses of \$23,110,393.69 yielded a Net Income of \$6,677,627.49. The Fund Value as of 11/30/09 was \$89,220,064.80.

## PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund that for November, 2009, Ordinary Income of \$3,007,170.53 plus Investment Income of \$10,999,707.48 minus Expenses of \$2,623,633.21 yielded a Net Income of \$11,383,244.80. For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$24,065,270.90 plus Investment Income of \$62,363,828.99 minus Expenses of \$21,558,884.78 yielded a Net Income of \$64,870,215.11. The Fund Value as of 11/30/09 was \$480,198,007.31.



A Few  
Words  
From...

## TOM TYRAKOWSKI

President, FCA of Chicago

President's Night,

January 29, 2010

## PASSING THE GAVEL..

I must thank everyone for coming this evening and ask Jimmy not to throw out the folks at these two front tables if they get a little rowdy, they are my family. I should also note all our special guests from Painter's District Council No. 14...Terry Fitzmaurice and the BA's.

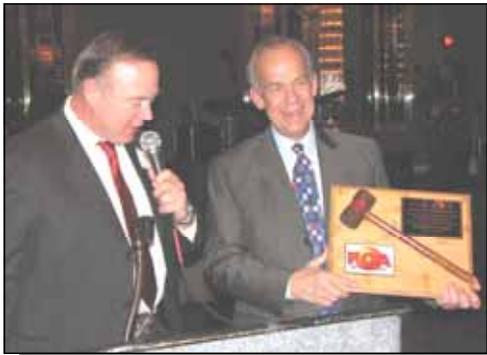
We owe Norb Soltysiak a real debt of gratitude for his efforts during the past two years. Few people may realize just how much time it really takes to head up a trade association like ours, until you hold office yourself.

Looking back farther, in taking this job, I'm also following Miles Beatty (the Ole Northwoods Preacher), Marty Tew (the Gladwrap Joker), Keith Farnham (the State Rep), and Terry Bobbe, (the Philanthropist) ... to recognize a few other recent predecessors.

Yes, there is a long line of real characters that have taken on this job. I thank you all for trusting me now with the responsibility and will do my best.

Finally, I really should acknowledge our loyal Associates, the suppliers, many of whom are in the room tonight, and express our appreciation for their

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*Incoming FCAC President Tom Tyrakowski (Am-Coat Painting) expressed appreciation to Past President Norb Soltysiak (Leopardo Companies) for his dedicated service to the Association during the past two years and retired the old "gavel" from active service. Norb thanked Tom and the entire Board for their support during his term of office and wished Tom good fortune during his.*

### FCAC Membership Meeting

September 8, 2010

Maggianno's Little Italy, Chicago

### PDCA Associates

### Christmas Luncheon

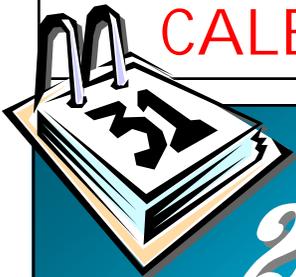
December 3, 2010

Finley's Grill, Lombard

### FCAC Christmas Luncheon

December 8, 2010

Maggianno's Little Italy, Schaumburg



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## FCAC Meetings & Events

### FCAC Membership Meeting

March 11, 2010

Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

### PDCA Associates Night

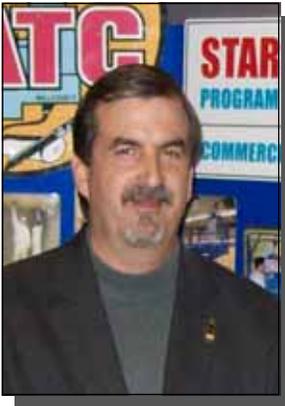
March 11, 2010

Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

### PDCA Golf Outing

June 11, 2010

Bloomingtondale G.C., Bloomingtondale



## News From The Apprentice School...

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

Financial reports for the JATC Committee for November, 2009, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$168,440.76 plus Investment Income of \$78,731.30 minus Expenses of \$227,299.85 had yielded a Net Income of \$19,872.21.

For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,727,705.83 plus Investment Income of \$389,172.77 minus Expenses of \$1,920,344.18 yielded a Net Income of \$196,534.42. The Fund Value as of 11/30/09 was \$4,396,844.06.

There are presently 115 Apprentices enrolled, 6 Industrial Apprentices, a 32% Unemployment Rate, a 54% Minority Rate, and two female students.

## RESIDENTIAL RENOVATOR PAINTER (RRP) TRAINING UPDATE

I wanted to give an update on the Residential Renovator Painter (RRP) Training situation. Our instructors have completed their Illinois Lead Worker/RRP Training. We have applied to the Environmental Protection Agents (EPA) for our accreditation, and I will tell you that this takes a while. It took Painters District Council #30 and Painters District #2 about 4 months.

Meanwhile, we are in the process of purchasing all necessary equipment and curriculum. I cannot say that this accreditation will be granted by the month of April.

If this is going to affect your company, you will need to obtain this RRP Training elsewhere, and possibly with the help of the FCA, you can obtain your certification sooner.



## 2010 FCAC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Past President Marty Tew administered the Oath of Office to the 2010 FCAC Officers and Directors, including President Tom Tyrakowski, Secretary Leo Hart, Treasurer Scott Hall, and Board Members Allan DeLange, Jeff Castles, and Miles Beatty. New Vice President Jeff Hester was not present, but will be sworn in at the next Board Meeting.

## FCAC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Over 100 guests attend a festive gathering at the FCAC Christmas Luncheon held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg on December 9th. This year's gift from FCAC was an Atomic Clock, and attendees received a stunning 2010 Calendar Poster featuring the Aqua Tower. Visit the FCAC web site at [www.chicagopdcafcac.org](http://www.chicagopdcafcac.org) for the full album of pictures....



generous support of FCAC and PDCA for many years. They help our members in business and make the Association tick. We really could not succeed overall without them.

Now, as I take office as your new President it is with hopes for growing this Association of Contractors and Suppliers even though we're struggling through some hard times right now.

I will roll up my sleeves and extend my hand to our Union partners to look for solutions that will help us all survive this economy. We need to work together, finding ways to give

our Contractors the tools that they need to sell hours. It's the only way that all the painters skilled in our craft can have a living wage to support their families and the healthcare and pension benefits they need. Right now, they are hurting, with many laid off. Clearly, we need to find way to meet the non-Union competition and hang onto our markets.

I think that our Association can play a big part in a better future if the members become more interested in attending meetings. We can do this if there are good programs that

provide useful professional skills to help them survive and thrive. For example, I'd like to see FCAC sponsor some workshops on the new technologies that can give our business owners an edge...computers, software, and portable devices that we all need to learn more about. To me, it's all very confusing, but on the other hand, I'm probably not the only one.

In closing, I ask for everyone to pitch in and pull together... we can do this as a team!

All the Best...

Tom