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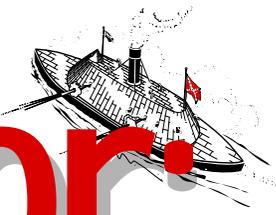
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Monitor vs. Merrimack
March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia



A Few
Words
From...

TOM TYRAKOWSKI
President, FCA of Chicago

WE'LL GET BY

Without doubt, these are the most challenging times any of us have encountered in our lifetime of business experience...and that goes for Contractors, Associate Members, and our Union partners alike. A crippled national economy has brought an unprecedented decline in business, even to perennially robust Chicago ...which has usually been the last in and first out of previous recessions.

The reduced hours now being worked are a matter of grave concern to your Board, which is exploring every possibility to increase our hours. Neither FCAC nor PDC14 want to see so many workers on the bench...we both worry about them and about their families, and want to put them back to work just as soon as humanly possible.

In fact, we would much appreciate hearing from you if you have any ideas that might help our cause.

The Board is reaching out right now to our Union partners in a joint effort to seek solutions and find ways to recapture some of the work we have lost in recent years. This will call for ingenuity and courage on all sides, as we must pull together in harness as a team.

One thing is for sure, this is no time to lose our

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WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund that for March, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$2,641,705.85 plus Investment Income of \$283,872.55 minus Expenses of \$3,484,346.49 yielded a Net Income of (\$558,768.09).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$31,627,010.75 plus Investment Income of \$9,155,675.23 minus Expenses of \$34,610,831.10 yielded a Net Income of \$6,171,854.88. The Fund Value as of 3/31/10 was \$88,712,353.85.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund that for March, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$2,300,336.79 plus Investment Income of \$13,942,459.01 minus Expenses of \$2,958,498.85 yielded a Net Income of \$13,284,296.95.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$33,499,145.52 plus Investment Income of \$78,422,893.32 minus Expenses of \$33,930,243.70 yielded a Net Income of \$77,991,795.05. The Fund Value as of 3/31/10 was \$492,797,729.73.

Special FCAC General Membership Meeting

Following the Regular Board Meeting on July 14, 2010, there will be a Special General Membership Meeting to nominate and elect a new Board Member:

- 5:30PM- COCKTAILS ☐ 6:30PM- DINNER
- ROSEWOOD RESTAURANT, 9421 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, ROSEMONT

JATC NOW OFFERING RRP TRAINING

Because the JATC has now received its Certification of Training from the Illinois Department of Public Health and is now fully-qualified to teach Renovation, Repair, and Painting to our workers, the IAF Rebate Program for outside RRP Training was discontinued effective June 1, 2010. See Ed's column on Page 2...



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FCAC Meetings & Events

Chicago PDCA Golf Outing
June 11, 2010
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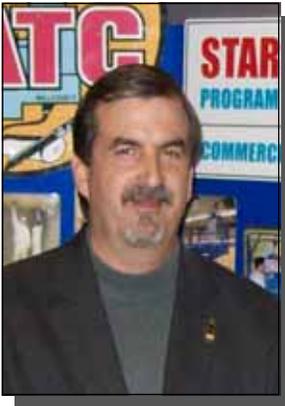
**FCAC Board Election
General Membership Meeting**
July 14, 2010
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**FCAC General
Membership Meeting**
September 8, 2010
Maggiano's Little Italy, Chicago

FCAC Christmas Luncheon
December 8, 2010
Maggiano's Little Italy, Schaumburg

**Chicago PDCA Associates
Christmas Luncheon**
December 17, 2010
Basils Greek Dining, Aurora

FCAC Presidents Night
January 21, 2011
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont



News From The Apprentice School...

By **ED BOGDAN**, *Apprentice Training Coordinator*

Financial Reports for March, 2010, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$126,719.87 plus Investment Income of \$51,462.77 minus Expenses of \$214,338.84 yielded a Net Income of (\$36,156.20).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$337,627.08 plus Investment Income of \$90,569.16

minus Expenses of \$499,481.87 yielded a Net Income of (\$71,285.63). The Fund Value as of 03/31/10 was \$4,430,132.83.

There are presently 90 Apprentices enrolled, 10 Industrial Apprentices, a 22% Unemployment Rate, a 61% Minority Rate, & two female students.

RRP TRAINING UPDATE

Good news . . . the JATC has received its Certification of Training from the Illinois Department of Public Health, and is now fully-qualified to teach Renovation, Repair, and Painting to our workers. The schedule of RRP classes offered at the Apprentice School during July—September is posted on the STAR Safety Calendar on our website: www.jatc-dftc.org. Since there will be no on-line registration for this class, you must call 708/449-5282 between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:00 pm to register.

EPA To Expand Lead Regulation to Public, Commercial Work

On the heels of its Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule for homes, schools, and day-care centers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering a similar mandate for commercial and public projects. On May 6th, the EPA published its advance notice in the *Federal Register* of "intention to regulate the renovation, repair, and painting of public and commercial buildings under section 402(c)(3) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)."

The little-publicized notice comes on the heels of its implementation of the EPA "RRP" Rule, requiring certification for contractors disturbing six or more square feet of interior paint in renovating homes, schools, and day-care centers built before 1978. The notice announces proceedings to propose lead-safe practices and requirements for renovation of the exteriors of public and commercial buildings and to determine whether lead-based paint hazards are

created by interior renovation, repair, and painting projects in public and commercial buildings.

The EPA says the measure will likely apply to Specialty Trade Contractors, including painting, wallcovering, and drywall finishing contractors. FCAC will follow all new developments on this issue and keep our members informed.

For more technical information on the measure, contact Hans Scheifele, National Program Chemicals Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20460-0001 (Phone number: 202/564-3122; or E-mail: scheifele.hans@epa.gov)

For general information, contact The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI—Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620, 202/554-1404, or email TSCAHotline@epa.gov.

confidence or give up the battle. We have simply spent too much time, effort, and a considerable investment for years now building up a truly enviable industry to just fold up our tents without a fight.

No one fields a better-trained or more productive workforce than the FCAC-PDC14 partnership, which is the cornerstone of our industry. And we have to keep that cornerstone intact for the time when the economy comes back, as it surely will.

That said, all the news these days is not bad. One real bright spot in the industry is the very encouraging word from our Fund managers that our Trusted Funds (Welfare, Pension, JATC, etc.) are doing quite well and

rank in the very top echelon of the country. Many construction industry funds from around the country (including a few right in our own area) are in far worse shape than ours.

In fact, the recent hourly increase was devoted completely to keeping those funds financially secure, as nothing went on the wage.

From another quarter, we have a record 308 participants completing their classes at the JATC-DFTC Apprentice Training Center for this year's Safety Training Awards Recognition ("STAR") program. Many of our journeymen are using this down time to get their tickets punched on required safety training and to upgrade their professional

skills. I take this as a good sign on the part of our workers that they are committed in the long run to staying in the buggy. Now it's up to us to put them back to work.

I have confidence that our Labor-Management cooperation efforts will bear fruit in the long run as long as we keep faith in our own futures and reach the kind of compromises that will benefit the painters, the Union, and our FCAC Contractors in this difficult time.

Now tell me what you think . . . and what you believe might be the best course of action.

Tom