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

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



SAFETY TRAINING AWARDS RECOGNITION

## AWARDS BREAKFAST

Some \$58,750.00 in prizes were raffled off on September 11th at the Painters District Council No. 14 STAR (Safety Training Awards Recognition) breakfast, held at the Fountain Blue in Des Plaines.

Abel Limon drove home from the event in a \$21,700 Ford Fusion as the top winner in this Fourth Annual reprise of the event. Norm Hadley copped a \$3000 vacation voucher...Israel Leal, Mark Boettjer, and Zbigniew Wizeszcz each won \$1000 big-screen TV's...Gary Fields and Nick Pasquale both won \$1000 gift cards...and Raul Loreda, Brian Cresap, Richard Hernandez and Steven Mutnansky each won \$500 laptop computers. There were also 22 individuals winning \$500 gift cards, ten \$250 gift cards, five \$100 gift cards, three Blu-ray players, and one set of Red Wing boots. Each and every attendee received a \$50 gift card just for attending the event.

This is a great event...it just keeps building on its own success, year after year," concludes Apprentice Training Coordinator Ed Bogdan.

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JATC-DFTC Apprentice Training Coordinator Ed Bogdan, PDC14 BMST Terry Fitzmaurice (left) and Jeff Castles (JATC Committee Chairman) and Tom Tyrakowski (JATC Committee) congratulated Abel Limon, Grand Prize Winner.



A Few Words From...

**TOM TYRAKOWSKI**  
President, FCA of Chicago

## EDUCATION vs ENTERTAINMENT?

This month, we hosted a terrific business seminar at Maggiano's in Chicago, featuring CPA Jim Weber presenting his "Top 10 Best Business Practices" on the afternoon of September 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by an after-dinner speech at our General Membership Meeting on "Surviving Tough Times."

We also just submitted a request to LMCI for a new \$30,000.00 matching-fund grant to help us present additional seminars and educational events. That grant is still pending, but we will be notified later this year if it gets approved.

The recent events, and those being planned for the coming year, are a change of direction for FCAC. Our Board made a conscious decision this year to have educational programs, going forward, rather than entertainment. We've enjoyed a wide variety of interesting motivational speakers at the September meeting in recent years, ranging from Bill Rancik (the Apprentice) and former Governor Jim Thompson to stand-up comic Ken Mate...followed by a string of Bears greats including Tom Waddle, Dan Hampton, and Steve McMichael. But it just seemed like time for a change of pace.

What got us thinking in this direction was the

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## WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund that for July, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$2,555,779.92 plus Investment Income of \$1,154,358.87 minus Expenses of \$1,845,324.28 yielded a Net Income of \$1,864,814.51.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$8,005,523.73 plus Investment Income of \$1,424,322.22 minus Expenses of \$7,268,382.90 yielded a Net Income of \$2,161,463.05. The Fund Value as of 7/31/10 was \$89,621,606.71.

## PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund that for July, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$2,390,323.99 plus Investment Income of (\$56,707,366.47) minus Expenses of \$3,060,801.92 yielded a Net Income of (\$57,377,844.40).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$4,687,883.18 plus Investment Income of (\$51,981,348.15) minus Expenses of \$5,801,737.35 yielded a Net Income of (\$53,095,202.32). The Fund Value as of 7/31/10 was \$439,702,677.81.



# 2010

## FCAC Meetings & Events

**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

**PDCA Associates Night**

March 16, 2011

Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont



## News From The Apprentice School...

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

### CPA WEBER PRESENTATIONS INFORMATIVE / ENTERTAINING

CPA Jim Weber delivered a rousing seminar on "Top 10 Best Business Practices" on 9-8-10 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Chicago...following up with an after-dinner speech, "Surviving Tough Times" at the FCAC General Membership Meeting that evening. According to Jim, one of the best things to do in running your business is fire your attorney, accountant, banker, and insurance man every ten years!



FCAC President Tom Tyrakowski helped Abel Limon try on his new Ford Fusion automobile for size.



Nancy Swanson (OBA Midwest) helped Ed Bogdan raffie off \$58,750.00 in prizes at the 4th Annual STAR Award Breakfast.



**\$58,750.00**  
in prizes  
awarded  
this year!

Financial Reports for July, 2010, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$128,767.72 plus Investment Income of \$87,103.73.19 minus Expenses of \$117,347.75 yielded a Net Income of \$98,523.70.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$914,229.30 plus Investment Income of \$171,361.22 minus Expenses of \$1,025,683.88 yielded a Total Net Income of \$59,906.64. The Fund Value as of 7/31/10 was \$4,555,935.77.

The JATC/DFTC Apprentice Graduation Dinner and Ceremony will be held at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont on Friday, October 29th. Cocktails begin at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner.

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Green Building Technology Seminar we offered last year, which filled the room with FCAC Contractors eager to learn about this emerging field. Because that educational offering was well received, we became convinced that our members would benefit from a regular flow of informative events geared to improving businesses.

However, the response to our September Seminar and the General Membership Meeting were pretty disappointing, when you consider the quality of the program and the pre-event promotion effort that was made.

Attendance at the Seminar was actually respectable, with 29 in the audience, but our target was 30 to 35, so we missed the mark. In truth, for an Association like ours, we should see 40 to 50 attendees at an event like that.

The dinner turnout really bothered me more. We should see 130 to 140 people at the Fall meeting, but this year less than half that number signed up and a few of them were no-shows. For reasons unknown to me, the Associates were conspicuously absent, which I still haven't really figured out. For the life of me, I cannot understand why

motivated vendors wouldn't want to meet and greet their Contractor customers.

We priced the dinner at \$25 (including an open bar) to keep it affordable...just a fraction of our per-person cost...so could it have possibly been the money? Or, are we barking up the wrong tree by "taking the high road" to feature education events rather than celebrity entertainment?

I'd really like to know. If you have time, give me a phone call (815/485-3731) or drop a line by e-mail to [ttyrakowski@am-coatpainting.com](mailto:ttyrakowski@am-coatpainting.com)

**Tom**