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A Few
Words
From . . .

TOM TYRAKOWSKI
President, FCA of Chicago

ASSOCIATES NIGHT 2011!

This year's Associates Night broke new ground with our first-ever Silent Auction, an innovation that was the idea of Associates President Bob Patinella. As it turned out, the Silent Auction was a big hit, featuring all kinds of sports event tickets and memorabilia, and ended up generating \$990.00 to help finance the annual tradeshow event.

Jason Sennese (Ascher Bros.) was top drawings winner, winning \$400.00 in cash. Dave Zajack (All-Tech Decorating) won the coveted I-Pad, while Jeff Castles (Ascher Bros.) won his first-ever raffle, grabbing the tiny but powerful I-Pod unit. Last but not least, Tom Tyrakowski, Jr. (Am-Coat



Painting) won a Cretors Popcorn Cart good for making snacks at future home sports events . . . pending some assembly required. Leo Hart (National Decorating) won the fancy set of screwdrivers.



Wall-to-wall prizes were overseen and parceled out by PDCA Associates President Bob Patinella and DJ Mark Van Deventer. By the numbers, we had 29 booths, 69 Associates attending, and 109 Contractors on hand, representing 31 FCAC Member companies.



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the March 16th Associates Night
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WELFARE FUND REPORT

The Health & Welfare Fund for January, 2011 indicated that Ordinary Income of \$2,847,268.15 plus Investment Income of \$454,614.15 minus Expenses of \$3,527,975.49 yielded a Net Income of (\$226,093.19).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$27,480,902.56 plus Investment Income of \$5,932,075.63 minus Expenses of \$27,854,082.41 yielded a Net Income of \$5,558,895.78.

The Fund Value as of 01/31/11 was \$93,027,636.61.

PENSION FUND REPORT

The Pension Fund indicated for January, 2011 that Ordinary Income of \$2,702,430.93 plus Investment Income of \$8,471,814.90 minus Expenses of \$2,939,029.21 yielded a Net Income of \$8,235,216.62.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$27,991,030.51 plus Investment Income of \$39,473,614.44 minus Expenses of \$29,068,276.78 yielded a Net Income of \$38,396,368.17.

The Fund Value as of 01/31/11 was \$531,200,971.21.

THE PLANS & PROGRAMS JUST KEEP ON COMING

I thought it would be tough to follow up with yet another great event after we closed the books on the February 22nd Technology Seminar . . . but then along came our terrific March 16th Associates Night.

To say the least, this was the best Associates Night we have had in years . . . and I'm sure you will hear the same thing from anyone who attended, Contractors and Associates alike. The room at the Rosewood was crowded all night, there was a lot of lively action and networking going on, the food and refreshments were great, the DJ kept things moving and MC'd the drawings like a real pro, and there were plenty of fine prizes taken home by the end of the evening. The Silent Auction was a nice new feature which drew a lot of interest and participation, helping fund the event with generous Associate ticket donations.

I've always thought that every event has its own chemistry, and this one certainly came together nicely. My hat is really off to our Associates Group for producing such a fine experience . . . so thanks very much to Associate President Bob Patinella and all on the Committee for doing a fine job.

The next major social event will be the June 17th Chicago PDCA Golf Classic.

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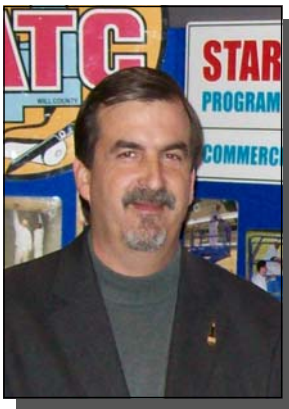


CHICAGO PDCA-FCAC GOLF CLASSIC

JUNE 17, 2011
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News From The Apprentice School...

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

Financial Reports for January, 2011, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$132,788.45 plus Investment Income of (\$23,645.13) minus Expenses of \$106,359.80 yielded a Net Income of \$50,073.78.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$132,788.45 plus Investment Income of \$23,645.13 minus Expenses of \$106,359.80 yielded a Total Net Income of \$50,073.78. The JATC Fund Value as of 01/31/11 was \$4,783,856.21.

STAR classes for 2Q2011 are filling up fast, so check the STAR Class Calendar on our website, www.jatc-dftc.org, for Safety and Skills classes for your Journeymen. Contractors, when you sign your employees up for STAR classes, please remind them to follow through and attend.

As always, donations of materials to the school are most welcome, including wallcoverings, unopened cans of paint, tools, and the like. We can always use...

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National FCA Annual Council

June 14-18, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel
300 East Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60611



This year's Golf Outing will be considerably different and upgraded from past outings. We will enjoy a new venue...the lovely Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont. We move to a different location for 2011 (and will have an afternoon start for the first time in years) because our golf event will be imbedded in the National FCA Annual Council Convention being held here in Chicago in June.

Yes, National FCA is favoring Chicago with its prestigious annual meeting for the first time ever, and has honored us with including our Golf Outing in their program. You will see a few fresh faces stepping up to the tee box on June 17th... our fellow Contractors from all over the country (including Hawaii) and Canada. For that reason,

we expect a full compliment of golfers this year, and urge you to make early reservations... before we hit the 144-golfer ceiling. Don't get left out!

We attended the FCA Annual Council in New York City last June, and it was a rewarding experience, both educationally and socially. It is a challenge, but I think Chicago can top even that great event... and thus urge you to not only (a) play golf with us on June 17th, but also (b) plan on attending the National FCA Convention in Chicago beginning Wednesday of that week and running through Saturday. You may register on-line at:

<http://www.finishingcontractors.org/events-education/2011-annual-council>

Meanwhile, we are in the

final stages of scheduling a new educational seminar featuring the noted construction industry expert Matt Stevens for this Spring, and trying to line up the iconoclastic Mark Breslin for another session this Summer. These guys are great speakers, very knowledgeable about our business, and we are keeping the attendance fees very low.

These Seminars are possible because FCAC just received final approval of a \$20,000.00 "LMCI" (Labor-Management Cooperation Initiative) matching funds grant. The new grant is totally dedicated to helping FCAC present educational seminars.

Yes, I saved the best news for last...

All the Best,

Tom