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



A Few  
Words  
From ...

**TOM TYRAKOWSKI**  
President, FCA of Chicago

## HEADING TOWARD CHRISTMAS ALREADY?

Everyone says the same thing at this time of year, with leaves raining all around, Thanksgiving queuing up, and Christmas just around the corner: "Where did the year go!"

Seems like just recently we were putting out the lawn chairs and gearing up for summer, but already our thoughts are turning to 2012 and the year ahead. I think we ask ourselves the same question every year because our lives have gotten so busy that we seldom come up for air. That's how we lose days, weeks, and months out of our lives.

I can remember my Dad once commenting when he was about to retire that there were 20 years in there someplace that he just flat-out could not recall. Now I'm starting to think that way myself...and beginning to worry that I might be turning into my father.

A while back, I read an article somewhere that claimed it was really a matter of our short-term memory faculty declining as we grow older. That is supposedly why time drags for little kids, as they have all those fresh, unused short-term memory cells still at work full-tilt.

Realistically, for them it's also because their lives are simple and uncluttered with all those responsibilities and distractions that plague adults.

Getting back to reality, the fact is we can't change our daily routines too radically during our working lives. Everyone pretty much has a chosen career path that requires learning certain skills, and they spend most of their life supporting the family, running a business, and trying to salt something away for their own home stretch years.

But we do have control over our time on earth if we choose to take command of the levers. If we're caught in the cycle of

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# Associates Donate \$10,000 To Charitable Painting Project

## FCAC/PDCA TEAMS WITH PDC14 & JATC TO PAINT CORNERSTONE SHELTER

**N**ine journeyman painters and another six apprentices painted their way through the stairwells and hallways of the Cornerstone Community Outreach Center in the Uptown neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago last month, giving its 200+ residents a brighter, cleaner place to live...and putting smiles on their faces.

**L**abor for this year's Charitable Painting Project was funded by \$10,000 donated by the Chicago PDCA Associates Group, pledged from proceeds of their June 17<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing at Ruffled Feathers. Painters from several FCAC Contractor firms were deployed to the project as a result, and joined there by support troops from the PDC14 JATC Apprentice School.

**A**ll in all, the Union painters applied eight gallons of black and beige DTM trim paint, 70 gallons of white and beige wall paint, five gallons of fill & finish block paint, and two gallons each of stain and varnish in Cornerstone's myriad stairwells, hallways, and corridors. The Industry Advancement Fund and Benjamin Moore also donated an additional \$3000.00 of scaffolds, ladders, dropcloths, and tools, which have now been turned over to the Apprentice School.

**A**ssociates Group President Bob Patinella (J.C. Licht/EPCO Paint) noted, "We were thrilled that our Associates Group donation could be put to such good use, tying in nicely with the national Color Care Across America program and enabling Benjamin Moore to donate the needed paint and supplies for the project."

**I**n fact, the Color Care Across America program was endorsed by co-sponsor National PDCA and supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, with an ambitious goal of providing color makeovers to one shelter in each of the 50 states (plus one in the District of Columbia) within a 50-day time period. As such, the national program kicked off in Laredo, Texas, and Trenton, New Jersey during September, with the ambitious objective of completing all 50 projects by Thanksgiving time, with the final one in Washington, D.C.

**T**he Chicago project at Cornerstone was actually selected in cooperation with Mayor Rahm Emmanuel's office. The Cornerstone organization was founded back in 1989 to provide shelter, food, and social services to the homeless and impoverished people of Chicago. Its residents are usually guided to the shelter by the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Department of Human Services. The building it occupies was once a large old factory, for which the City provided grant funding to obtain, remodel, and utilize as a shelter.

**R**esidents at Cornerstone include men, women, and children (mostly homeless persons and single parents), from those needing a place to stay for a day or two, to those needing weeks of food, shelter, and clothing. In all cases, Cornerstone's real objective is to help its residents get back on their feet and re-established as functional members of society. Thus, the counseling services take steps toward self-sufficiency, giving people the tools and opportunities to grow, stabilize, and connect with others... fostering individual potential to break the crippling cycle of homelessness and lay the foundations for a better life.

## WELFARE FUND REPORT

Financial Reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for September, 2011 indicated that Ordinary Income of \$3,860,515.33 plus Investment Income of (\$1,645,992.12) minus Expenses of \$2,834,969.46 yielded a Net Income of (\$620,446.25).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$15,666,824.43 plus Investment Income of (\$1,634,007.91) minus Expenses of \$14,520,862.79 yielded a Net Income of (\$488,046.27).

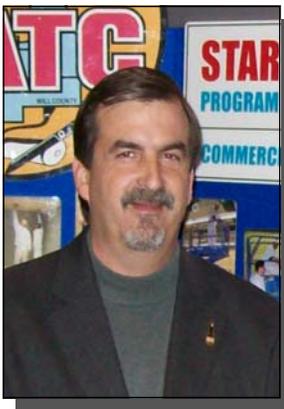
The Fund Value as of 09/30/11 was \$94,163,150.11.

## PENSION FUND REPORT

Financial Reports for the Pension Fund indicated for September, 2011 indicated that Ordinary Income of \$3,728,439.43 plus Investment Income of (\$20,893,685.71) minus Expenses of \$3,286,797.19 yielded a Net Income of (\$20,452,043.47).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$16,716,857.47 plus Investment Income of (\$29,714,082.57) minus Expenses of \$19,282,614.60 yielded a Net Income of (\$32,279,839.70).

The Fund Value as of 09/30/11 was \$510,768,959.34.



## News From The Apprentice School...

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

**F**inancial Reports for September, 2011, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$177,626.86 plus Investment Income of (\$50,859.32) minus Expenses of \$72,989.14 yielded a Net Income of \$53,778.40.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,227,517.53 plus Investment Income of \$83,855.84 minus Expenses of \$1,343,494.03 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$32,120.66). The JATC Fund Value as of 09/30/11 was \$4,671,301.64.

**Contractors & Associates Are Cordially Invited  
to Attend the FCAC Christmas Luncheon!**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

**Maggiano's Little Italy**  
1901 E. Woodfield Road, Schaumburg

- ☐ 11:30 am Reception
- ☐ 12:00 pm Family-Style Lunch
- ☐ 1:00 pm Membership Meeting

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## Associates Christmas Luncheon

**Friday, December 16, 2011**

## GREEK ISLANDS

300 East 22nd Street, Lombard

**11:30 AM Reception**

**12:00 PM Lunch**

Two Free Lunches Per Company,  
Attendance Limited To Associates Only!

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### AL DELANGE RECEIVES AWARD

In recognition of his years of outstanding service as a National FCA Board Member, FCA Chairman Ed Smith (left) presented Al Delange the Crystal Star Award at the FCA 2011 Annual Business Meeting held at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas on November 3, 2011.



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asking ourselves that same tired old question every Fall, perhaps it's really just evidence that others control our time more than we do.

Can you sense a Resolution shaping up for the New Year ahead?

Yes, I took stock recently and was amazed that, not only was 2011 on the way out, but also my two-year term as President of FCAC is all but over. In December, we'll have our election at the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's in Schaumburg, then install the new FCAC Officers and Directors at the President's Night dinner in January.

Looking back, I feel good about the positive accomplishments that were able to be made, and take pride in the efforts of the dedicated people who breathe life into our trade association. Of course, it's human nature to also regret the things that were not able to be accomplished and the opportunities that may have been lost along the way.

There's another object lesson to take to heart. Should fate prevent a person from achieving every last one of their objectives, you should not be too hard on yourself for falling short of any targets. If you make your best,

most honest effort at everything you do, and always speak the truth, then I can guarantee that (a) you will lose no sleepless nights, and (b) you will gain the respect of others.

Going forward, I admit to some sense of relief about transitioning into becoming an Immediate Past President for the next two years. It will be good to focus more on my own business, and be able to come up for air more often...to keep better track of that time that just keeps flying by.

All the Best,

**Tom**