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WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund that for August, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$3,005,950.00 plus Total Investment Income of (\$123,803.04) minus Expenses of \$3,310,232.79 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$428,085.83).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Total Ordinary Income of \$11,011,473.73 plus Investment Income of \$1,300,519.18 minus Expenses of \$10,578,615.69 yielded a Net Income of \$1,733,377.22.

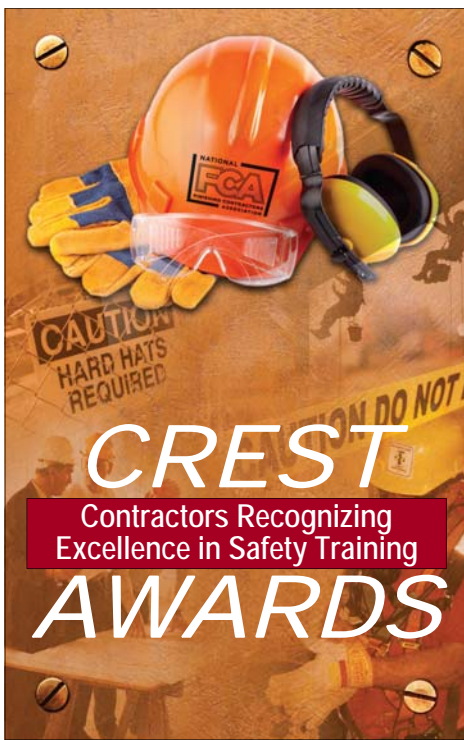
The Fund Value as of 8/31/10 was \$89,200,772.38.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund that for August, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$2,665,122.10 plus Total Investment Income of (\$3,547,214.92) minus Expenses of \$3,121,775.25 yielded a Net Income of (\$4,003,868.07).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income received of \$12,556,451.80 plus Investment Income of (\$16,010,500.09) and Expenses of \$14,613,420.33 yielded a Net Income of (\$18,067,468.62).

The Fund Value as of 8/31/10 was \$474,737,497.32.



National FCA "CREST" Awards

To recognize excellence in safety performance, National FCA created its new CREST (Contractors Recognizing Excellence in Safety Training) Awards Program for FCA Contractor companies.

Through this program, FCA seeks to honor contractors by giving national recognition to those members who conduct an effective safety program for their employees throughout the year. 2010 CREST Awards will be granted in seven categories, including Commercial Painting, Industrial Painting, Residential Painting & Drywall Finishing, Glazing, Drywall Finishing, Floor Covering, and Sign and Display. Winners will be chosen on the basis of injury and health frequency rate data, the firm's insurance experience modifier, safety statement, and safety program information.

Local Affiliates of National FCA (like FCAC) will play a key role in the CREST Safety Award process. Completed applications will be processed through the local Affiliate first, then forwarded to National FCA. *Continued on Page 2...*



A Few Words From . . .

TOM TYRAKOWSKI
President, FCA of Chicago

USING TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR BENEFIT

I'm always amazed by the pace of change in our country. Our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents all lived through amazing eras when the modern world really took shape.

First came the steam engines and factories, around the time the United States was founded.

Before you knew it, railroads and metal steamships replaced horse-drawn wagons and wooden vessels pushed by sail.

Then along came telegraphy, telephones, electric lights, paved roads, and indoor plumbing. Recorded sound, flight, and the automobile followed . . . then the movies, radio, television, and space flight.

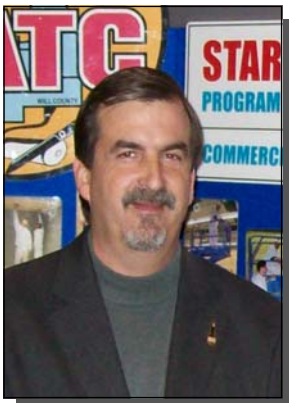
Change is not for the faint of heart because we get set in our ways. When you think about it, most of our lifestyle in modern times has come along in the last

couple of centuries, so our recent ancestors have really endured a lot. Before their day, not much had really changed for thousands of years.

The whole thing has been driven all along by advancing technology, and its not over. In a sense, constant technological progress has defined American life as much as democracy. And now the accelerating curve of progress is getting harder than ever to keep up with.

Our generation experienced the onset of computerization with varying degrees of success. Most parents will readily admit

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By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

Financial reports for the JATC Committee for August, 2010, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$147,457.53 plus Investment Income of \$10,011.56 minus Expenses of \$240,900.47 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$83,431.38).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,061,686.83 plus Investment Income of \$181,372.78 minus Expenses of \$1,266,584.35 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$23,524.74). The Fund Value as of 8/31/10 was \$4,480,397.33.

News From The Apprentice School...

O'Connell Twins Arrive on 10/17/10

Tom and Laura O'Connell welcomed their first two children into the world on Sunday, October 17th around 4:00 PM, with Finn weighing in at 6 pounds and 7 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches and his little sister, Grace, following a few minutes later at 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 18 inches. Mom is doing fine, and Dad is out hustling Drywall Master tools to build a bank for college.



GRACE

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CREST AWARDS, Continued...

Participating Contractors must complete a CREST "Intent to Enter" form by February 1, 2011. Then, by March 1, 2011, a completed online registration form must be submitted (or a hard copy of the registration form). The final deadline for sending entries to National FCA will be April 15, 2011.

Presentation of the CREST Safety Awards will take place at the Annual Council meeting planned to be held in Chicago next June 15-18, 2011.

Questions regarding the new CREST Safety Awards Program may be directed to Kristin Bromberg at 301/215-7026 or by e-mail at: kbromberg@finishingcontractors.org.

National FCA is rolling out CREST this Fall at the LMCI 2010 Finishing Industry Forum in Las Vegas.

2010/2011 FCAC & PDCA Meetings



Finishing Industry Forum

November 30-December 3, 2010
Caesar's Palace
Las Vegas

FCAC Christmas Luncheon

December 8, 2010
Maggiano's Little Italy
Schaumburg

PDCA Associates Luncheon

December 17, 2010
Basils Greek Dining
Fox Valley Center, Aurora

FCAC Presidents Night

January 21, 2011
Rosewood Restaurant
Rosemont

FCAC Technology Seminar

February 1, 2011
Location
To Be Determined

PDCA Associates Night

March 16, 2011
Rosewood Restaurant
Rosemont

FCAC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All FCAC Contractors and Associates are welcome at the 2010 Christmas Luncheon & Annual Election being held at Maggiano's in Schaumburg (\$25 per person)... call FCAC at 630/393-1313 or register with us on-line at www.chicagopdca.org!



ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the fun at a new venue, Basils Greek Dining in Aurora, on December 17th. Two attendees from each membership will be FREE (extras just \$35).



that their kids cope a lot better because they grew up with it all.

Our own family business has struggled to adopt the latest ways of doing things just to stay competitive, but it's not easy to keep informed and current.

My reason for making these points relates to you and FCAC, your Contractor Association.

For one thing, I firmly believe that we must help our members survive their own struggles with advancing technology. That is

why we are hosting a new FCAC "Technology Seminar" this coming February 1st...to bring in experts that can help you wade through and sort out what may be useful in your own company. We will have both instructors and vendors on hand to "show and tell" about all of the new mobile gadgets, computers, and software that help contractors streamline their operations, save money, and stay in touch with customers and employees.

I also must call attention to the Postcard Survey enclosed with this issue of the Dropcloth. In efforts to save money on postage and printing for the association, we want to convert this publication and the Monitor to an electronic format for transmission by e-mail. So please complete the prepaid postcard and mail it back as soon as possible.

All the Best...

Tom