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**A Word from
MILES BEATTY
President,
Chicago
PDCA/FCA**

SUMMERTIME THOUGHTS

Hello, fellow contractors ...here it's mid-Summer, and already it seems as if both of our baseball teams are going into the tank. Oh, well wait until next year. What else can you do?

Don't wait, that's what! We have all kinds of things going on this Summer and coming up for Fall and Winter to keep your mind off the state of baseball.

Too late now, in case you missed the recent Open House held at the JATC-DFTC Training Center, held in Berkeley on July 19, 2006. It was a great opportunity to tour the finest painting and drywall finishing school in the country. Guided tours were conducted through the school and a fine luncheon spread provided.

Running a first-class school gives us a real edge, and I hope every contractor member uses the advantage of hiring apprentices. They help us compete effectively financially, but also infuse our work force with highly-trained "fresh" manpower.

Getting back to the action, you can still attend our joint Membership Meeting next month, on September 20th at Maggiano's Little Italy in Oak Brook. This is always one of our biggest meetings of the year...and your opportunity to network with your fellow contractors, Union officials, and Associate Members from both PDC14 and PDC30. Join us that evening to find out what's going on within our industry...but you'll have an enjoyable experience to boot, with Ken Mate our headliner for entertainment.

That same day, an LMCI "STP-II" (Supervisory Training Program) will be held for those who already took the "STP-I" course. We had 22 Contractors previously take the STP-I three-day training.

WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health and Welfare Fund for May, 2006, that Income of \$3,483,323.02 plus Investment Income of (\$431,259.67) minus Expenses of \$2,522,055.52 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$530,007.83.

Being the first month of the new Fiscal Year, the Year-to-Date figures are the same. As of 5/31/06, the Fund Value was \$70,922,923.31.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund May, 2006, that Total Ordinary Income of \$2,818,480.19 plus Investment Income of (\$5,900,127.51) minus Expenses of \$2,376,622.72 yielded a Net Income of (\$5,458,270.04).

For the year-to-date, Ordinary Income of \$4,972,988.87 plus Total Investment Income of (\$1,106,860.32) minus Expenses of \$4,466,113.40 have yielded a Net Income of (\$599,984.85). As of 5/31/06, the Fund Value was \$441,732,678.19.

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PDCA/FCA CALENDAR 2006-2007 Meetings & Events

STP II Seminar

September 20, 2006
JATC Apprentice School, Berkeley

Joint Membership Meeting

September 20, 2006
Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook

FCA Midwest Conference

September 21-22, 2006
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago

Finishing Industry Forum & FCA Annual Meeting

November 13 -15, 2006
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada

PDCA Christmas Luncheon

December 13, 2006
Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook

PDCA/FCA President's Night

January 26, 2007
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PACE Expo 2007

PDCA National Convention
February 11-14, 2007
Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas

PDCA Associate's Night

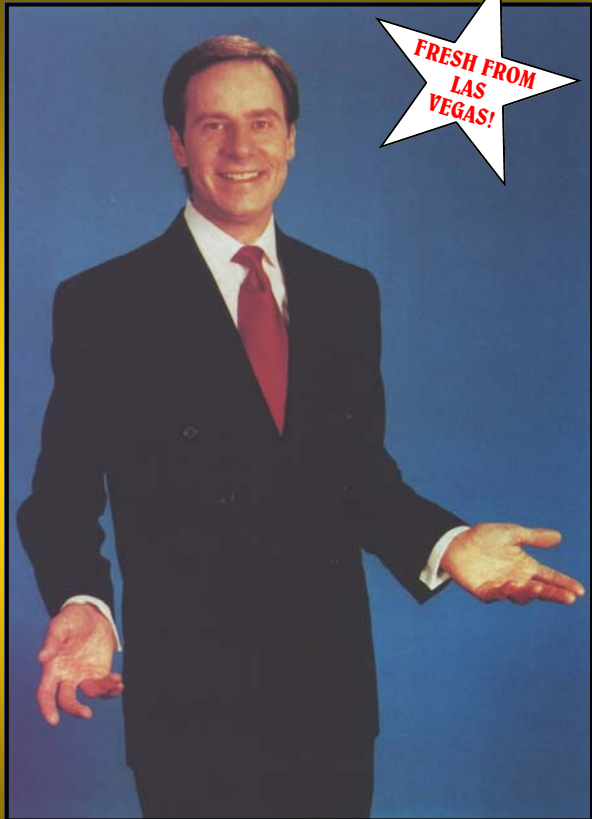
March 21, 2007
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PDCA/FCA Annual Golf Outing

June 15, 2007
Bloomingdale Golf Club, Bloomingdale

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CHICAGO PDCA/FCA & NiPDi/FCAI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Entertainment By:

KEN MATE

September 20, 2006

At Maggiano's Little Italy

240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, Illinois (630/368-0314)

For over twenty years, Ken Mate has amazed and entertained concert audiences, casino crowds, and corporate gatherings with his energized brand of stand-up comedy and magic. He has opened for star acts including the bands Chicago, Alabama, and REO Speedwagon...as well as Ray Charles, Wynonna, Michael Bolton, Crystal Gayle, Randy Travis, the Beach Boys, and the Smothers Brothers. His riveting performance of "The Magicians's Insurance Policy" was featured on the network special "The World's Greatest Magic," taped at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Don't miss this lively presentation, or your best chance to "network" with fellow Union Painting Contractors, Union Officials from PDC14 and PDC30, and PDCA Associate Members...this one only comes up once a year!



**CALL TODAY
FOR
RESERVATIONS!
(630/393-1313)**

***No charge for this dinner for IAF and NiPDi Contributing
Contractors and Associates in Good Standing!***

5:30 PM — COCKTAILS

6:30 PM — DINNER

7:30 PM — PROGRAM

but the follow-up course only takes one day. I hope all 22 gentlemen return for the advanced course.

September 21st and 22nd follow on the heels of the Joint Membership Meeting with the first FCA Midwest Regional Conference, being conducted at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. FCA will present a full afternoon with dynamic Keynote Speaker Norb Slowikowski leading off with his presentation on "Hardhat Productivity" and there will follow panel discussions of both Owners/Developers and General Contractors keyed to an audience of Union officials and Subcontractors. The IUPAT will follow on Friday with Labor-Management sessions hosted by General President Jim Williams.

Finally, September will also bring Bob Cusumano back to town for a "Blueprint Reading & Estimating" Seminar. The IAF will be offering six scholarships to Contributing Contractor firms, good for 50% of the Tuition fee of \$1150.00 upon completion of the course (limited to one attendee per company). I highly recommend this 3-day Seminar for both new employees to learn the basics as well as veterans

seeking a few fresh ideas. Bob is widely respected as the father of the "PDCA Standards" series, he is a past national President of PDCA, and he travels widely as an expert consultant on coatings problems.

On another topic, some contractor members have already realized a competitive edge by enrolling their office personnel in the Painters District Council No.14 Welfare plan. This gives non-bargaining employees excellent health coverage benefits a savings. Please contact OBA Midwest at 630/960-3322 for the details.

Have I made my point about where the action is? If you're not currently involved in Chicago PDCA/FCA events and programs, you're really missing out on the many opportunities we tailor to benefit your business. The Apprentices Program, the social functions, the educational seminars, and the health insurance all make us the place to get connected!

That said, I hope everyone enjoys an awesome summer...even if our baseball teams don't.

Miles