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



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

## **GRAND TRADITIONS JUST KEEP ON COMING**

In Chicago, nothing beats putting together a Winning Team. With the Sox copping a World Series last year and the Bears running 7-0 this season, it's only a matter of time until the Cubs wake up.

Our Association is like those teams, in the sense that we need to keep re-inventing it. Times change, players change, markets move, and for us to survive and prosper, we can never remain static.

It seems like PDCA has always been there. Several generations of Contractors and Associates have worked through their careers thinking of it as the umbrella covering our industry and uniting it. Locally, we called it Chicago PDCA, the Chicago Painting & Decorating Contractors Association. On the national level, it was known widely as the Painting & Decorating Contractors of America.

In Chicago, we've had a good run with PDCA. Our local group incorporated in 1933, and was granted a National PDCA Charter as a Chapter in 1937. By 1942, Chicago PDCA had grown so large that it was granted another Charter as a Council. We have always been an all-Union affiliate of the National PDCA. Elsewhere in the country, however, PDCA has become mostly a non-Union organization in recent years. Nevertheless, we still support National PDCA by offering membership rebates and maintain both our Chapter and Council status.

In the late 1980's, Chicago PDCA established an Industry Advancement Fund (IAF) to promote the industry. Since that time, it has sponsored publications, run advertising, hosted seminars, offered 50/50 clothing and brochure programs, and provided funding for many industry meetings. Our IAF is the

## **WELFARE FUND REPORT**

Trustee Keith Farnham reports for the Health and Welfare Fund for July, 2006, that Income of \$3,795,823.67 plus Investment Income of \$638,649.73 minus Expenses of \$2,709,131.76 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$1,725,341.64. For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$10,935,615.97 plus Investment Income of \$267,061.88 minus Expenses of \$6,824,701.54 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$4,377,976.31.

As of 7/31/06, the Fund Value was \$74,770,096.58.

## **PENSION FUND REPORT**

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for July, 2006, that Ordinary Income of \$3,403,089.15 plus Investment Income of \$2,166,815.77 minus Expenses of \$2,356,646.86 yielded a Net Income of \$3,213,258.06.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$11,309,679.26 plus Investment Income of \$73,936.31 minus Expenses of \$8,642,443.44 have yielded a Net Income of \$2,741,172.13.

As of 7/31/06, the Fund Value was \$445,064,918.41.

## **CHICAGO COUNCIL**



**CHICAGO PAINTING & DECORATING CONTRACTORS INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTIONAL FUND**  
**THE SIGN OF QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP**



## **PDCA/FCA CALENDAR 2006-2007**

### **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 PDCA 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  
Bloomington Golf Club, Bloomington*

**CALL THE CHICAGO PDCA/FCA OFFICE  
AT 630/393-1313 FOR INFORMATION!**



*The JATC apprentice painting crew on October 10<sup>th</sup> included students James Crocilla, Curmiller Hayes, Ryan Miarecki, Adam Nusret, Philip Peterson, Jeffrey Popp, Victor Ramos, Juan Tafoya, Pete Vasili, and Thomas Vichich . . . working under the direction of Instructors Michael Krawiec (center) and Hector Hernandez (right).*

## **JATC & DFTC APPRENTICE CREWS** **FINISH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The JATC/DFTC Apprentice Training Center undertook an ambitious Charitable Project this Fall in the town of Harvey for Habitat for Humanity.

First, DFTC Apprentice Training Coordinator Ed Bogdan and his crew of drywall finishing students taped the entire house, including two bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen, and a living room.

On their heels followed a painting crew dispatched by JATC Apprentice Training Coordinator Jim Watte and supervised by Instructor Mike Krawiec. The student painting crew primed, painted, and finish-coated the house in five different colors in just one day.

**DONATIONS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED FROM BOTH CONTRACTORS & VENDORS! THE JATC/DFTC APPRENTICE SCHOOL CAN USE...**

- 54" COMMERCIAL VINYL
- WALLPAPER & WALLCOVERINGS
- WHITE & OFF-WHITE PAINT
- TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
- FAUX FINISH PRODUCTS
- ZOLA-TONE & MULTI-SPEC PAINT
- DRYWALL BOARD
- DRYWALL COMPOUNDS
- DRYWALL TOOLS

mechanism which supports the entire Union Painting & Decorating industry in Chicago.

Meanwhile, in the late 1990's, a new and totally-Union organization, FCA (the Finishing Contractors Association), was established to become a rallying point for Union painting contractors in the major markets. Chicago PDCA had a major role in founding the FCA, and remains one of its principal financial supporters. As such, we have become an affiliate of National FCA and started calling ourselves Chicago PDCA/FCA several years ago.

Now we are taking this newer relationship to the next level by establishing the Finishing Contractors Association of Chicago, or FCAC for short. FCAC will be a new Chapter of National FCA, and we will use this new local association to build our partnerships with Painters District Council No. 14 and IUPAT, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. To hear all about it, attend our Chicago PDCA/FCA Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy in Oak Brook on December 13th.

**SORTING OUT OUR ALPHABET STEW** There you have it. First, PDCA. Then, IAF. Now, FCAC. It may seem a little confusing, so we make it easier by calling

our two Contractor Associations "Chicago PDCA/FCA" for short. Meanwhile, we just call the Industry Advancement Fund our IAF.

Chicago PDCA will continue its long history, and remain available for interested companies to join on the National level. We will continue incentives to defray National PDCA dues, and maintain our local Chapter as it we have since 1933. Associate Members will continue being Chicago PDCA Associates.

The IAF will soldier on, doing its best to promote the Industry as a whole.

Meanwhile, we'll focus more on FCA of Chicago in terms of developing and promoting our local Union painting industry. Going forward, FCAC will become our Main Event for building a Winning Team in the Chicago market. As a bonus, all Associate Members will automatically be given FCAC Associate status at no extra cost.

That wasn't so hard, was it? Just imagine that now we have three legs to stand on...and what could be more stable than a tripod?

Later,

*Miles*