

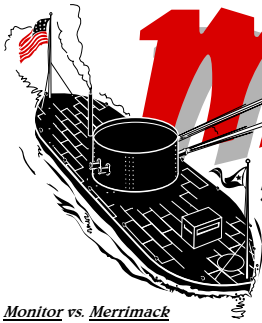
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**A Word from
MILES BEATTY
President,
Chicago
PDCA/FCA**

FALL IS HERE...

Autumn in our part of the world is one of my favorite times of year. This year, we seem blessed with temps that are running 10 degrees over the norm for October, which makes up for that cold week that surprised us last month.

Contractors scurry about this time of year trying to get their outdoor work done, so it's a real break to enjoy this mild weather. We're busier this year than ever, and I hope your company is, too.

Your Board has been busy, too, with our Nominating Committee lining up a new slate of Officer and Director candidates for your voting at the Christmas meeting and our Negotiating Committee sounding out the Union for terms and conditions for a new Contract. We expect to have a Membership Meeting soon to discuss progress on the new Collective Bargaining Agreement, so watch your mail and by all means plan to attend. If we don't hear your voice in these matters, we have no way of knowing how we feel or what ideas you may have to offer.

We had a super General Membership Meeting last month at Maggiano's Little Italy downtown, featuring a personal appearance by Bears great Dan Hampton. I really think it was one of our best meetings in years...strictly PDC14 Contractors meeting downtown, a great speaker, and bountiful Italian food... all tied together by a festive atmosphere in the room. I think we'll revisit the place next year, it went so well.

One highlight of the event was the Associates Group presenting another donation check to the Apprentice School, this year \$5,000.00 to support the STAR program.

Now we have another big national event coming up which you may attend in Las Vegas...the annual Finishing

WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Keith Farnham reports for the Health and Welfare Fund for August, 2007, that Ordinary Income of \$3,646,511.40 plus Investment Income of \$509,072.96 minus Expenses of \$3,022,810.01 have yielded a Total Net Income of \$1,132,774.35.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, income of \$14,542,564.48 plus Investment Income of \$661,141.34 minus Expenses \$12,839,248.90 yielded a Total Net Income of \$2,364,456.92.

As of 8/31/07, the Fund Value was \$85,385,382.24.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for August, 2007, that Ordinary Income of \$3,572,499.21 plus Investment Income of \$2,154,442.46 minus Expenses of \$2,389,074.74 yielded a Total Net Income of \$3,337,866.93.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$16,740,901.39 plus Investment Income of \$19,978,127.15 minus Expenses of \$11,682,890.51 yielded a Net Income of \$25,036,138.03.

As of 8/31/07, the Fund Value was \$519,164,420.54.



MARK THESE DATES FOR FORTHCOMING FCAC-PDCA MEETINGS!

JATC Apprentice School Graduation Dinner

October 19, 2007
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

Finishing Industry Forum FCA National Convention

November 12-15, 2007
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas

PDCA Associates Christmas Luncheon

December 7, 2007
Finley's Grill, Downers Grove

FCAC/PDCA Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2007
Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook



FCAC/PDCA CALENDAR 2007-2008 Meetings & Events

FCAC/PDCA President's Night

January 18, 2008
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

FCAC General Membership Mtg.

March 12, 2008
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PDCA Associate's Night

March 20, 2008
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

FCAC/PDCA Annual Golf Outing

June 20, 2008
Bloomington Golf Club, Bloomington

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Finishing Industries Forum 2007

**Caesars Palace □ Las Vegas, Nevada
November 12-15, 2007**

The Painters & Allied Trades Labor Management Cooperation Initiative (LMCI), in cooperation with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) and The Finishing Contractors Association (FCA), will be conducting their Third Annual Finishing Industries Forum (FIF) next month at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The arrival date and Reception will be Monday, November 12th; the departure date will be Friday, November 16th. Meetings and workshops will take place November 13th-15th. These plans were made in response to overwhelming input from those who participated in the inaugural event of 2005, calling for the FIF to be an annual event.

The FIF 2007 will include New Open Forums and Workshops on subjects such as the Top Workplace Performance Plan, the Shortage of Tradeworkers in the Workplace, Collective Bargaining Issues, the

National Agreements, the Finishing Trades Institute, the Future of Apprentice & Journeyman Training, and many more topics.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with the LMCI Co-Chairs, IUPAT General President James Williams, and FCA Chairman Ed Zaucha. Their discussions will focus on the most pressing issues facing our industry and answer questions from attendees about creating and maintaining an effective labor-management relationship.

There will be several top guest speakers, such as Mark Breslin from Breslin Strategies and Sean McGarvey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

The FIF will make certain our employer partners are armed with every tool made available by the LMCI, IUPAT, and FCA to increase market share, field the best trained workforce, and successfully navigate today's legislative and regulatory issues.

To register for this event, go on-line to visit LMCI at www.lmcionline.org to click on the Finishing Industry Forum page, follow the steps outlined.

Register For FIF On-Line At:
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Industry Forum hosted by LMCI (the Labor-Management Cooperation Initiative).

LMCI is a partnership of FCA (our national association of Union Painting Contractors) and IUPAT (the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades). Collectively, our own cents-per-hour contributions help fund LMCI, so it pays to attend these events when we're paying for them anyway.

For example, we just completed a three-day "STP" Seminar at the Apprentice School in Berkeley, which stands for Supervisor Training Program. LMCI paid all travel expenses and day wages to send three well-experienced Instructors to Chicago and put on this useful training for our Contractors' field supervisory personnel. The school provided classroom facilities, and our Industry Advancement Fund paid for meals and \$500 rebates to each participating company to

help compensate for employee time lost on the job.

Now the Finishing Industry Forum is coming up on November 12-15, 2007, and there's another chance for you to benefit from LMCI's work and investment. For the details on attending, there is an informational story above, in this issue of the *Monitor*.

In closing, I must observe that the STAR Program Awards Breakfast is coming up at this writing. This will be the first such event hosted by PDC14 for its members who have compiled the required hours of advanced skills training and safety training during the past year. Watch for our *Dropcloth* publication to see our feature story. Someone's getting a new truck out of this deal...

Until Later,

Miles