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



A Word from
**NORB
SOLTYSIAK**
President,
FCAC/PDCA

NEW BEGINNINGS...

It is a high honor for me to be your new President, and in the two years ahead I will do my best to move FCAC and PDCA forward.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Miles Beatty for his great service; he leaves behind big shoes to fill. It is not always appreciated just how much personal time and effort it takes, but Miles redefined "leadership" with class, dignity, strength, and style in a way that cannot go unnoticed.

And now we must go forward again as Officers move through their chairs (congratulations to Vice President Tom Tyrakowski, Secretary Jeff Hester, and Treasurer Leo Hart) and we welcome Tony Bochniak to the Board in the company of returning Members Rick Ascher and Tom Hester.

High on our list of 2008 priorities is the new Market Recovery Program. At this writing, a search has been launched for an Executive Director for the new LMCC, our Labor-Management Cooperation Committee, which is being created to lead the marketing effort. This will be an entirely new office, jointly supervised by FCAC and PDCA, focused solely on promoting Union painting & drywall finishing contractors in Cook, Lake, Will and Grundy Counties.

Meanwhile, FCAC has also launched its own sales effort to gain new members and sell the services of FCAC members to building owners and managers.

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WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for December, 2007, that Ordinary Income of \$3,663,428.81 plus Investment Income of \$80,673.06 minus Expenses of \$2,644,406.75 yielded a Total Net Income of \$1,099,695.12.

Year-to-Date Ordinary Income of \$29,822,042.24 plus Investment Income of \$2,251,469.08 minus Expenses of \$24,390,770.31 yielded a Total Net Income of \$7,682,741.01.

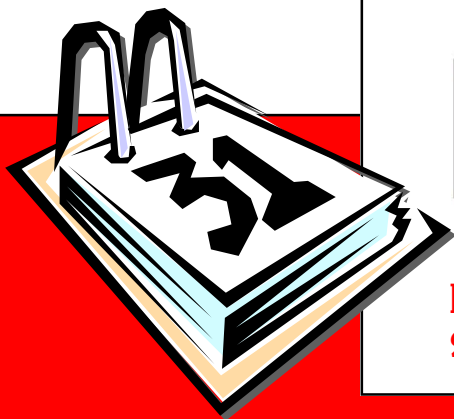
As of 12/31/07, the Fund Value was \$90,728,154.98.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund December, 2007, that Ordinary Income of \$3,702,651.30 plus Investment Income of (\$1,864,174.24) minus Expenses of \$2,108,325.13 yielded a Net Income of (\$269,848.07).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$32,131,224.76 plus Investments of \$28,227,097.20 minus Expenses of \$20,874,095.96 yielded Total Net Income of \$39,484,226.00.

As of 12/31/07, the Fund Value was \$533,632,002.13.



FCAC/PDCA CALENDAR 2008 Meetings & Events

SAVE THESE DATES!

PDCA Associate's Night

March 12, 2008
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

Al Sennese Memorial FCAC/PDCA Golf Outing

June 20, 2008
Bloomingdale Golf Club, Bloomingdale

FCAC/PDCA

General Membership Meeting

September 10, 2008
Maggiano's Little Italy, Chicago

Finishing Industry Forum FCA National Convention

November 10-13, 2008
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas

PDCA Associates

Christmas Luncheon

December 5, 2008
Finley's Grill, Downers Grove

FCAC/PDCA

Christmas Luncheon

December 10, 2008
Maggiano's Little Italy, Schaumburg

FCAC/PDCA

President's Night

January 23, 2009
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

PACE EXPO

National PDCA Convention

February 15-18, 2009
New Orleans, Louisiana

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INFORMATION ON OUR EVENTS!

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS!



News From The
**APPRENTICE
SCHOOL:**

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

We always much appreciate donations of tools and materials to help support the JATC and DFTC Apprenticeship training programs...from both Contractors and Associate Member Vendors. These donations help our school in its mission of training the workforce of the future.

We particularly need....

- 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**

Keep us in mind for leftovers and when the back room gets cleaned out....

Meanwhile, I'd also like to put in a good word for the STAR program. We're seeing even more participation this year, now that the word is out that you can win a truck by getting your safety and advanced training skills. Be sure that all of your employees know about STAR, for their sake and yours.

Call me at the school (708/449-5282) any time you might have questions on material donations or the STAR Program...we're always pleased to visit with contractors and suppliers alike.

And don't forget to visit our great web site at www.jatc-dftc.org for all the latest news, pictures, and announcements from the school!

Last month, we brought veteran S-W salesman Al Deatherage out of his short retirement to make sales calls for us. He will be personally visiting signatory contractors to interest them in FCAC and spreading the good word about our Union contractors among buyers of contracted services downtown. Toward that end, Al will distribute the fancy new red portfolio that debuted at our Fall Membership Meeting at Maggiano's.

On another front, we are promoting safety and craftsmanship through the STAR Program, which is now in its second year and drawing far more involvement than last year. Of course, the prospect of winning a new truck is a powerful incentive to all STAR participants. This program is a win-win situation for both Union members and their employers, who benefit from a well-trained, safe workforce. If your employees are not as yet involved with STAR, I strongly urge

AL SENNESE MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

JUNE 20, 2008 — BLOOMINGDALE GOLF CLUB



**2008
ASSOCIATES
NIGHT**

March 12th

- *Setup Time For Associates Will Be 2:00 PM*
- *Doors Open For Union Contractors At 4:00 PM*
- *Exhibits Open From 4:00 PM To 8:30 PM*
- *Program & Drawings To Be Held At 7:30 PM*

**FOOD SERVED CONTINUOUSLY
FROM 4:00 PM TO 7:30 PM!**

FREE BEER & SNACKS!

ASSOCIATE BOOTH PRIZE DRAWINGS!

ASSOCIATE SHOW SPECIALS!

\$50 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS AT 5:00 & 6:00 PM!

\$500 CASH CONTRACTOR DOOR PRIZE!

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them to visit the Apprentice School web site for information and registration (www.jatc-dftc.org).

Meanwhile, we have two major events coming up! Associates Night will be on March 12th this year at the Rosewood in Rosemont. Once again, the Associates group will produce its own great tradeshow with continuous food & refreshments, early bird cash drawings at 5:00 and 6:00 PM, show specials, booth prizes, and a big \$500 cash Grand Prize. It's always a great must-attend event, and I hope to see you there!

Not that far off, we also look forward to the June 20th FCAC Golf Classic which is honoring the memory of Al Sennese this year. Book your foursomes early...it's going to sell out!

All the Best...

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