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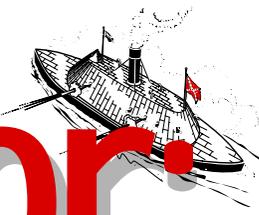
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Monitor vs. Merrimack
March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia



A Few
Words
From...

TOM TYRAKOWSKI
President, FCA of Chicago

CURRENT EVENTS

We've had three events take place recently that give me heart to believe that FCAC is heading in the right direction...and there's more to come.

First off, we conducted two educational seminars on the afternoon of March 11th. Both sessions were well-attended, featuring a "Contractor Marketing" short course presented by Clark Johnson (FCAC's Marketing Director) and a Faux Finishes Seminar presented by Sheri Zeman (Faux Design Studio) and Mike Krawiec (JATC-DFTC Training Center).

It's really hard to express adequate appreciation to those folks for putting on really terrific educational presentations. As we go forward, I only hope that we can maintain the same high quality standards for the other educational seminars just now being planned.

That same afternoon, we also held an FCAC General Membership Meeting to discuss current issues with PDC14. We had 27 people from 14 member firms in attendance, and a very lively dialogue, indeed. I would have liked to see a few more companies send representatives to attend, as we continue to get calls asking about questions that were asked and answered

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WELFARE FUND REPORT

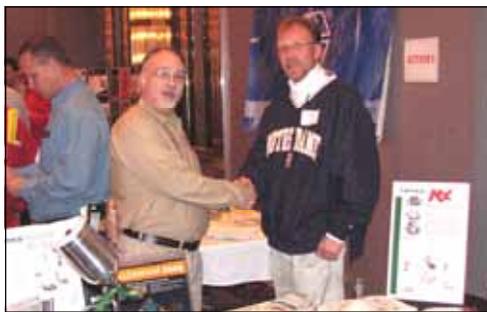
Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund that for January, 2010, Ordinary Income of \$2,332,088.89 plus Investment Income of \$754,874.70 minus Expenses of \$2,834,706.57 yielded a Net Income of \$252,257.02.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$26,984,658.07 plus Investment Income of \$8,568,260.80 minus Expenses of \$29,065,594.15 yielded a Net Income of \$6,487,324.72. The Fund Value as of 1/31/10 was \$89,027,873.39.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund that for January, 2010, that Ordinary Income of \$2,115,578.54 plus Investment Income of (\$8,244,111.19) minus Expenses of \$2,826,392.17 yielded a Net Income of (\$8,954,924.82).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$29,170,645.62 plus Investment Income of \$59,224,989.77 minus Expenses of \$27,467,673.39 yielded a Net Income of \$60,927,962.00. The Fund Value as of 1/31/10 was \$476,250,156.01.



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FCAC Meetings & Events

Chicago PDCA Golf Outing
June 11, 2010
Bloomington G.C., Bloomington

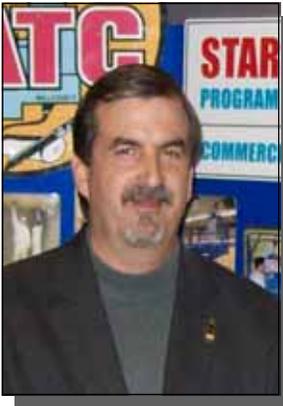
FCAC Membership Meeting
September 8, 2010
Maggianno's Little Italy, Chicago

**Chicago PDCA Associates
Christmas Luncheon**
December 3, 2010
Finley's Grill, Lombard

PDCA ASSOCIATES NIGHT
March 11, 2010 □ Rosewood Restaurant
Thirty-two vendor booths greeted visitors at the 76th Annual Chicago PDCA Associates Night Tradeshow. DJ Mark Van Deventer MC'd the event, serving up all the hits and old favorites on request, raffling off a host of great prizes, and setting the stage for the liveliest event in years.

FCAC Christmas Luncheon
December 8, 2010
Maggianno's Little Italy, Schaumburg

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A SPECIAL
FCAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING WILL SOON BE
SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT AN
FCAC ELECTION TO FILL THE
VACANT BOARD SEAT CAUSED
BY THE RECENT RETIREMENT
OF FRED LEVY.**



News From The
**Apprentice
School...**

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

Financial Reports for December, 2009, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$162,974.77 plus Investment Income of \$22,835.95 minus Expenses of \$76,043.13 yielded a Net Income of \$64,095.69.

For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,890,680.60 plus Investment Income of

\$366,336.82 minus Expenses of \$1,996,387.31 yielded a Net Income of \$260,630.11. The Fund Value as of 12/31/09 was \$4,476,152.00.

There are presently 115 Apprentices enrolled, 10 Industrial Apprentices, a 32% Unemployment Rate, a 54% Minority Rate, & two female students.

RESIDENTIAL RENOVATOR PAINTER (RRP) TRAINING UPDATE

Please check out the sidebar to this column for news on new RRP training being hosted at the JATC-DFTC Training Center in April.

We are partnering with Public Health & Safety, Inc. to provide this training, which qualifies for \$100.00 rebate from FCAC per man, up to 6 men. Regular classes will commence employing our own Instructors when their Certifications arrive from the EPA...which is taking time.

ASSOCIATES NIGHT

Herewith a collection of Associates Night views taken on March 11th at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont. By all accounts, this was our best Associates Night in years, with more food, fun, refreshments, booths, show specials, and entertainment than ever. To see the full album of pictures, go to the Photo Gallery page on the FCAC website at www.chicagopdcafcac.org/.



Attention PDC14 Contractors:

Beginning in April, 2010, contractors doing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be EPA-certified and must follow specific sanctioned work practices to prevent lead contamination. For more info on RRP Training go to the [US EPA Lead Web Site](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm) at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

Public Health and Safety, Inc. will be teaching this EPA-mandated RRP training class at the Painters JATC Training Facility in Berkeley, IL on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 am. To be eligible to attend this class you must be a Signatory Contractor or a card-carrying Contractor of PDC14. Attendees will be required to bring a \$200.00 Contractor check (no personal checks) made out to the Painters JATC. All FCAC Contractor employees can receive a \$100.00 reimbursement from the FCAC office, up to six rebates per FCAC company. Public Health and Safety, Inc. also provides one full year of free consultation, via phone and/or email, for all attendees.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS PRIMARILY FOR SUPERINTENDANTS AND FOREMEN.

To register for this class, call the Painters JATC at 708/449-5282. A minimum of 30 registrants will be needed for this class to be offered. If there is sufficient interest, a second offering of this class will be held on Tuesday, April 13

THIS IS NOT A STAR CLASS.

To register for this class, call the Painters JATC at 708/449-5282

at the meeting. I urge all of our members to try attending every one of our General Membership Meetings because that is your best opportunity to be heard and to have your own questions addressed by our Board.

On the heels of two seminars and the General Membership Meeting, we moved right into the best PDCA Associates Night that we've had in years. This year, we hosted 170 guests and visited 32 booths, which must be a recent record.

Associates Night 2010 was much livelier and more fun, with more action and prizes

than ever, and Disk Jockey Mark Van Deventer doing a really masterful job of keeping things moving and putting on all the hits anyone could think of to request. All that, plus Jimmy Mandas and the Rosewood staff outdid themselves serving up really great chow plus ample refreshments for a great overall experience. We've heard from many attendees that it was really the best tradeshow that FCAC-PDCA has put on in years.

In short, my hat is off to Bob Patinella, President of the PDCA Associates Group, and their whole organization for all the

hard work it took to plan and present a truly outstanding 2010 PDCA Associates Night. Good things like this don't just happen accidentally.

Looking forward, I can report that your FCAC Board is taking the future of our association very seriously, because we are about to launch a Strategic Planning Session to review where we came from, what our present status and prospects are, and to chart a fresh course for where we want to go. More on this to come...

All the Best...

Tom