

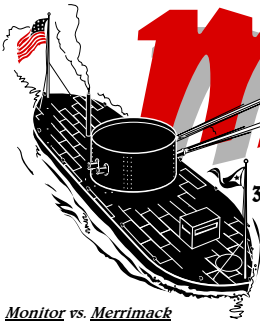
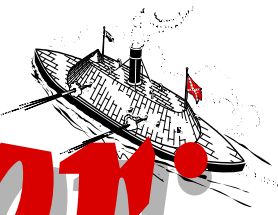
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Monitor vs. Merrimack
March 9, 1862,
Hampton Roads, Virginia



A Few
Words
From . . .

JEFF HESTER
President, FCA of Chicago

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING!

Wow, it's February, 2012, and the holidays are over as we put 2011 in our rear view mirrors and all look forward to the hope and excitement that 2012 will bring. As I sit here in my nice warm office and look out into the winter weather, I can't help but laugh a little. There have been only two Snow Storm events in Chicago this year. One that I will personally remember is the Friday snow storm the day of President's Night. I thank everyone who braved the elements that evening to share this event with me and my family. With that said I think the total was about 40 of 92 who made it to the Rosewood. As usual the food was great and the band was fun. Most of all, the company was the best!

So let's get down to the business at hand. I would like to thank Tom Tyrakowski for his two years serving the FCAC as President, and the countless hours of personal time spent talking to Members and our Union Partners. I also tip my hat to all the Past Presidents that I have watched and tried to learn from throughout the years . . . Miles Beatty; Norb Soltysiak; Jeff Castles; Rick Asher; Marty Tew; my father, Tom Hester; and many others before them.

I am looking forward to serving the next two years with officers Don Steadman, Vice President; Scott Hall, Treasurer; and Leo Hart, Secretary and Board members Miles Beatty, Tony Bochniak, Jeff Castles, Chuck Kakos, Jim Sourbis, Tom Tyrakowski, and Hugh Williams. I also would like to thank Rich Volkmer for his many years of service as Executive Director of the FCAC/PDCA and look forward to working with his successor, Jan Merelos. And of course looking forward to working hand in hand with our Union partners, including BMST Terry Fitzmaurice.

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“Old Man Winter” Makes an Appearance at President’s Night

Jeff Castles (Ascher Brothers Company) officiated at President's Night to administer the Oath of Office to incoming President, Jeff Hester (Hester Decorating); Treasurer, Scott Hall (Triangle Decorating); and Past President, Tom Tyrakowski (Am-Coat Painting). New Vice President, Don Steadman (All-Tech Decorating), and returning Board Member, Chuck Kakos (The Levy Company), were not present, but will be sworn in at the next Board Meeting.



The worst snow storm of the season assaulted Chicago during the afternoon rush hour of Friday, January 20, 2012. But despite the inclement weather, forty hearty souls braved the elements to celebrate President's Night.

Following a delicious Rosewood dinner, the 2012 FCAC Officers and Directors were installed. Board Member, Tony

Bochniak, acting as Grand Marshall, escorted the Officers to the podium where Board Member, Jeff Castles, administered the Oath of Office. Upon being sworn in as President, Jeff Hester expressed his heartfelt thanks to retiring President, Tom Tyrakowski, and, as is customary, presented him with a gift of appreciation ... a Hummingbird Depth Finder, sure to help Tom land the "big fish"!



While the weather was cold and threatening outside, the mood inside was warm and breezy thanks to the Caribbean rhythms of Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band. whose rocking guitars, steel drum, and beach-music harmonies helped guests forget about winter for a while.

WELFARE FUND REPORT

Financial Reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for December, 2011 indicated that Ordinary Income of \$3,536,422.62 plus Investment Income of \$487,492.87 minus Expenses of \$1,877,259.89 yielded a Net Income of \$2,146,655.60.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$26,053,596.42 plus Investment Income of (\$228,827.19) minus Expenses of \$20,938,922.23 yielded a Net Income of \$4,885,847.00.

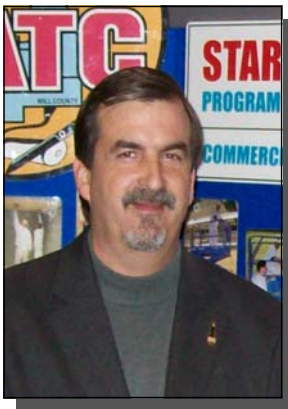
The Fund Value as of 12/31/11 was \$99,529,284.33.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Financial Reports for the Pension Fund indicated for December, 2011 indicated that Ordinary Income of \$3,212,630.40 plus Investment Income of (\$551,191.15) minus Expenses of \$3,466,630.17 yielded a Net Income of (\$805,190.92).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$26,584,669.69 plus Investment Income of (\$12,471,315.68) minus Expenses of \$29,157,757.34 yielded a Net Income of (\$15,044,403.33).

The Fund Value as of 12/31/11 was \$528,008,911.15.



News From The Apprentice School...

By **ED BOGDAN**, *Apprentice Training Coordinator*

Financial Reports for December, 2011, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$166,304.79 plus Investment Income of \$25,759.61 minus Expenses of \$272,317.34 yielded a Net Income of (\$80,252.94).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,736,686.48 plus Investment Income of \$186,881.62 minus Expenses of \$1,958,514.10 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$34,946.00). The JATC Fund Value as of 12/31/11 was \$4,664,772.45.

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2011 Year-End OSHA Statistics

OSHA Data Compliments of Rand-Tec Insurance Agency

Top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards violated in FY 2011 (Federal OSHA data)

1. Scaffolding, general requirements, construction (29 CFR 1926.451)
2. Fall protection, construction (29 CFR 1926.501)
3. Hazard communication standard, general industry (29 CFR 1910.1200)
4. Respiratory protection, general industry (29 CFR 1910.134)
5. Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout), general industry (29 CFR 1910.147)
6. Electrical, wiring methods, components and equipment, general industry (29 CFR 1910.305)
7. Powered industrial trucks, general industry (29 CFR 1910.178)
8. Ladders, construction (29 CFR 1926.1053)
9. Electrical systems design, general requirements, general industry (29 CFR 1910.303)
10. Machines, general requirements, general industry (machine guarding) (29 CFR 1910.212)

Construction's "Fatal Four"

Out of 4,070 worker fatalities in private industry in calendar year 2010, one-fifth (751 or 18.5%) were in construction. The leading causes of worker deaths on construction sites were: falls, electrocution, struck by object, and caught-in/between. These "Fatal Four" were responsible for nearly three out of five (57%) construction worker deaths in 2010, BLS reports.

Eliminating the Fatal Four would save 431 American workers' lives each year.

Falls – 260 out of 751 total deaths in construction in CY 2010 (35%)

Electrocutions – 76 (10%)

Struck by Object – 63 (8%)

Caught-in/between – 32 (4%)

OSHA Inspections

FY 2011 Total Federal inspections: 40,915

FY 2011 Total 18(b) State Plan inspections: 52,056]

FY 2011 Total Federal whistleblower inspections: 1,900

FY 2011 Total 18(b) State Plan whistleblower inspections: 813

OSHA Budget

FY 2011: \$573,096,000

FY 2012: \$583,386,000

I would invite any FCAC Contractors that may have questions or concerns to contact me, and I will try to answer or help in anyway I can. I would also invite any Signatory Contractor in PDC 14 to join our organization. It costs nothing and, the way I see it, if you are a Union Contractor, why not have a say in which direction we may move as an organization. We have monthly Board Meetings throughout the year,

where we discuss and make plans for our future. The way I look at it, you can take part in these discussions and try to help with these decisions, or you can sit in the back of the bus and come along for the ride.

These are times of change; we all have gone through upheavals throughout this economic downturn. Some changes were for the good and some happened with heavy hearts. But Springtime is a time for growth

and excitement and I personally can't wait to see where our Industry can go in the near future. Please go to our website, www.chicagopdca.org and view our future meeting dates and upcoming events. I hope to see you all there soon.

Until Later,

Jeff

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PDCA ASSOCIATES' NIGHT MARCH 21, 2012

- ☐ Setup Time for Associates — 2:00 PM
- ☐ Doors Open for Contractors — 4:00 PM
- ☐ Exhibits Open — 4:00 PM-8:30 PM
- ☐ Buffet Dinner — FREE BEER!

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Buy extra raffle tickets on-site to win Great Prizes...
5 tickets for \$5, 12 tickets \$10, 30 tickets for \$20.
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**Reserve this Date: Friday, June 15, 2012
for the Chicago PDCA Golf Outing at
Schaumburg Golf Course**