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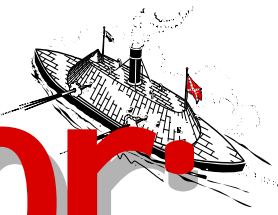
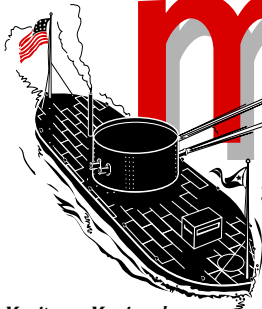
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*Monitor vs Merrimack
March 9, 1862, Hampton Roads, Virginia*



**A Word from
NORB
SOLTYSIAK
President,
FCA of Chicago**

LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORTH..

It's hard to believe we're in the closing moments of yet another year, and what a ride it has been.

Looking back, the roller coaster stock market no longer shocks us with its daily ups and downs, and we are becoming more philosophical about our investments and plans for the future. I firmly believe that this is no time to panic ...but rather a call to action with the message that we must get back to basics.

At this writing, no one can really predict exactly where the economy will go during 2009, except some economists hope for a best-case scenario finding the downward spiral flattening out and a gradual recovery beginning by 2010.

Actually, there is still quite a bit of work in the pipeline for commercial and industrial construction ...but not a lot of new drawings coming off the architects' and engineers' drawing boards. Our hours have not been bad this Fall but they always fall off during the Winter. As 2009 unfolds, the hours will no doubt stay flat.

It takes a sharp pencil to compete for new work in a contracting market, plus a healthy resolve to survive.

During times like this, I believe Contractors should look even more than ever to their Association for help and support. FCAC was created to provide its members with a viable, active, and supportive

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WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Welfare fund for October, 2008, that Ordinary Income of \$3,995,164.56 plus Investment Income of (\$2,820,821.14) minus Expenses of \$3,185,301.98 yielded a Net Income of (\$2,010,958.56). For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$22,509,669.67 plus Investment Income of (\$5,292,133.97) minus Expenses of \$18,166,606.76 yielded a Net Income of (\$949,071.06). The Fund Value as of 10/31/08 was \$88,864,012.84.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for October, 2008, that Income of \$4,067,126.31 plus Investment Income (\$48,451,449.04) minus Expenses of \$2,372,957.52 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$46,757,280.25). For the Fiscal Year to Date, Ordinary Income of \$25,667,413.43 plus Investment Income of (\$83,133,619.43) minus Expenses of \$16,971,395.30 yielded a Total Net Income of (\$74,437,601.30). As of 10/31/08, the Fund Value was \$440,170,781.34.



SAVE THESE DATES!

FCAC/PDCA

President's Night

January 23, 2009

Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

FCAC/FCAC/FCA

Midwest Finishing Contractors Conference

February 6-7, 2009

Drury Lane, Oak Brook Terrace

PACE EXPO

National PDCA Convention

February 15-18, 2009

New Orleans, Louisiana

PDCA Associate's Night

March 25, 2009

Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

FCA Annual Council

Late May, 2009

California Location T/B/D

Richard Bobbe Memorial

FCAC/PDCA Golf Outing

June 12, 2009

Bloomingtondale Golf Club, Bloomingtondale

STAR Awards Breakfast

September 5, 2009

Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

Coming in 2009:

A new website created to promote FCAC Contractors to our customers...





News From The Apprentice School

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

As of our last JATC Board Meeting, there are presently 176 regular Apprentices at the school, and the unemployment rate is 11%. We have four industrial Apprentices, 17 on Leave of Absence, including five military absences, a 45% minority rate, and two female Apprentices. As of 10/31/08, the Fund market value was \$3,437,822. Efforts are being made to upgrade the respiratory/pulmonary function testing process, a new wage scale system is being set up for Category II Apprentices, and there are new right-to-privacy statement policies and procedures under way.

January 23, 2009 Presidents Night

AT THE ROSEWOOD RESTAURANT IN ROSEMONT

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 PM, with Dinner following at 7:30 PM. An FCAC/PDCA General Membership Meeting will follow dinner, featuring the Installation of new Officers & Directors.

IAF Contributing Contractors, FCAC/PDCA Contractors, and PDCA Associate Members are all entitled to one FREE attendee, and extra guests are welcome at \$25.00 each.

Fax your list of guests to FCAC/PDCA at 630/393-1393, or send it to us by e-mail at barb.association@sbcglobal.net. You can also register on-line at our web site:

www.chicagopdcafcfa.org



TIN HORSE HEADLINES PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

Tin Horse is a band of ladies who quickly made a name for themselves with their catchy, award-winning original tunes and high-energy live shows. TIN HORSE is fronted by three ladies with great chemistry and artistry, their voices and instruments joining together to prove the old saying about the whole being greater than the parts. Within four months of their formation, TIN HORSE was booked to share stages with Kenny Rogers, Toby Keith, Lee Ann Womack, Gretchen Wilson, Billy Currington, Emerson Drive, Los Lonely Boys, The Kentucky Headhunters, Little Texas, Lowen & Navarro, and more! They have performed in the country's most prestigious concert halls, played at numerous clubs, been booked at the country's largest music festivals, and are no strangers to TV and radio.

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organization exclusively for Union Painting Contractors in Chicago. We're here to help you weather the storm.

For example, if you visit our official web site at www.chicagopdcafcfa.org, right on the Home Page you will find a new button directing your attention to the members-only pages. There, you will discover a new listing of jobs going out for bids which you may wish to pursue. These bid opportunities are job leads developed personally by our new FCAC Director of Marketing, Clark Johnson, and his two assistants, Tom Kumpu and Bruce Kuhn.

For the last two years, FCAC has also built a presence on the premier web site for Chicago's

construction/building/maintenance industry, chicagolandconstruction.com. As sponsoring members of the web site, FCAC Contractors are eligible to display their own web pages, complete with promotional writeups, company logos, and pictures of workers and jobs. CC.COM also sends bid opportunities by e-mail to FCAC Members.

I urge you seriously to utilize these resources which we have put at your disposal. Although we have a general Directory of FCAC Members on chicagolandconstruction.com too many of our members have failed to take advantage of their own unique opportunity to fly the company flag at no extra cost.

All the Best...

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