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In addition to the benefits granted to members and spouses each month, the Secretary will also be presenting, for informational purposes only, items of interest that may affect our members.

Questions regarding any member's specific situation should be addressed directly to the Fund Office.

MONTHLY NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FUND SECRETARY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Retirement Board of the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago has recommended that language, similar to language in the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, be drafted and entered to provide an optional "Reversionary Annuity" for eligible participants of the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago as follows:

(40 ILCS 5/6-xxx)

Sec. 6-xxx. Reversionary annuity. (a) A fireman, prior to retirement on annuity, may elect to take a lesser amount of annuity and provide, with the actuarial value of the amount by which his annuity is reduced, a reversionary annuity for a wife or husband. The option may be exercised by filing a written designation with the board prior to retirement, and may be revoked by the fireman at any time before retirement. The death of the fireman prior to his retirement shall automatically void the option.

(b) The death of the designated reversionary annuitant prior to the fireman's retirement shall automatically void the option. If the reversionary annuitant dies after the fireman's retirement and before the death of the fireman annuitant, the reduced annuity being paid to the retired fireman annuitant shall be increased to the amount of annuity before reduction for the reversionary annuity and no reversionary annuity shall be payable.

The option is subject to the further condition that no reversionary annuity shall be paid if the fireman dies before the expiration of 730 days from the date his written designation was filed with the board, even though he has retired and is receiving a reduced annuity.

(c) A fireman exercising this option may not reduce his annuity by more than \$400 per month, or elect to provide a reversionary annuity of less than \$100 per month.

(d) A reversionary annuity shall begin on the day following the death of the annuitant, with the first prorated payment due and payable the first day of the month following the date of death, and shall continue monthly thereafter until the death of the reversionary annuitant, with the last payment prorated to date of death.

(e) Notwithstanding the fact that a fireman has elected to receive a reduced annuity under this Section, the increases in annuity provided in Section 6-164 of this Article shall be calculated on the amount of the original unreduced annuity.

(f) The amount of the monthly reversionary annuity shall be determined by multiplying the amount of the monthly reduction in the fireman's annuity by the applicable factor in the following table based on the age of the fireman and the difference in the age of the fireman and the age of the fireman's spouse at the starting date of the fireman's annuity.

<i>Spouse's Age</i>	<i>Fireman's Age</i>					
	<i>50-52</i>	<i>53-55</i>	<i>56-58</i>	<i>59-61</i>	<i>62-64</i>	<i>65 & Over</i>
<i>30 or more years younger</i>	2.92	2.48	2.10	1.77	1.48	1.24
<i>25-29 years younger</i>	3.06	2.60	2.20	1.86	1.57	1.32
<i>20-24 years younger</i>	3.25	2.76	2.35	2.00	1.69	1.42
<i>15-19 years younger</i>	3.50	2.99	2.56	2.19	1.86	1.57
<i>10-14 years younger</i>	3.86	3.31	2.85	2.45	2.10	1.79
<i>5-9 years younger</i>	4.36	3.77	3.26	2.83	2.44	2.10
<i>0-4 years younger</i>	5.06	4.40	3.85	3.36	2.93	2.55
<i>1-5 years older</i>	6.04	5.30	4.68	4.13	3.63	3.19
<i>6-10 years older</i>	7.40	6.56	5.86	5.23	4.63	4.09
<i>11-15 years older</i>	9.31	8.33	7.51	6.75	6.01	5.31
<i>16-20 years older</i>	11.95	10.78	9.78	8.84	7.90	7.02
<i>21-25 years older</i>	15.54	14.07	12.86	11.73	10.60	9.56
<i>26-30 years older</i>	20.37	18.55	17.15	15.94	14.73	13.62
<i>31 or more years older</i>	27.03	24.90	23.51	22.52	21.60	20.90

The Fund's Independent Actuarial firm of Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co. has indicated that the option as drafted creates no additional Unfunded Obligation to the Fund. We will keep members apprised of any actions on this language.

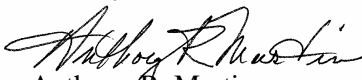
CITY OF CHICAGO EMPLOYEES COMBINED APPEAL PROGRAM

I am pleased to report that the City of Chicago Employees Combined Appeal program has graciously included our Ende, Menzer, Walsh & Quinn Retirees' Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund as a valid charitable organization.

Members can now voluntarily contribute to this fund directly from their bi-monthly pay checks on a pre-tax basis. 100% of all contributions are used for the support of our neediest widows and our children annuitants.

Review the information attached and please consider an automatic deduction.

Thank you.


 Anthony R. Martin
 Fund Secretary

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