

June 28, 2007

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

Annual Report and Contribution Statements

Within the next few weeks, the Fund will be providing all members with its annual report for the year ended December 31, 2006. All active and disabled members will also receive their annual statement of accumulated contributions to the Fund.

Additionally, an updated member information sheet will also be included to all members. The Fund intends to provide this information sheet to all members in this annual mailing. Please review the information for accuracy and provide any updates as required.

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)

Some annuitants who have their monthly benefit checks sent via the US Mail have experienced sporadic problems with the timeliness in the delivery. Given this situation, we recommend that all participants elect to have their monthly benefit check electronically deposited directly in their bank account via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). Currently over 87% of our participants have chosen to have their monthly benefit check electronically deposited via EFT.

To eliminate the chance of lost or stolen mail as well as avoid the hassles of running to the bank each month, call the Fund office and our staff will advise all interested participants in the steps necessary to begin receiving their benefit checks through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT).

Widows and Orphans Assistance Fund

On behalf of the Retirement Board, staff and all active, retired, widowed and orphaned members of the Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago, I wish to take this moment to remember the members and their families who, in their time of grief, have remembered our neediest widows and orphans.

Many of our members have suggested that “in lieu of flowers”, their family graciously suggest a donation be made to the Ende, Menzer, Walsh and Quinn Retirees, Widows and Orphans Assistance Fund c/o the Firemen’s Annuity and Benefit Fund. As you know, these gifts are used to provide the 13th check to our neediest widows and orphans during the holiday season to many of these participants who are struggling with incomes barely above the poverty level.

Also, on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the Chicago Fire Academy, the Widows and Orphans Assistance Fund received a check from the shared proceeds of the “The 5th Annual Battle of the Badges” in the amount of \$4,000.00. Other Chicago Fire Department affiliated charities that benefited from this event include The Gold Badge Society and The Fire Department Chaplain, Father Tom Mulcrone.

To everyone involved, from the many organizations including the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Park District, Local 2 and The Gold Badge Society, thank you. The team representing the Chicago Fire Department was victorious in this year’s event, winning 7 out of 10 events. The Chicago Fire Department team now leads the series against the Chicago Police Department team 3 years out of 5. All the participants and organizers should be commended for their efforts on behalf of our Chicago Fire Department charities.



Pictured from left to right: Father Tom Mulcrone, Eileen Coglianesse, Gold Badge Society, Mary Rose McNamee, Gold Badge Society, Steven O'Malley, CFD Boxing Team, Kevin MacGregor Coordinator of Special Events, Chicago Fire Department, Anthony Martin, Firemen’s Annuity & Benefit Fund Trustee.