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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**

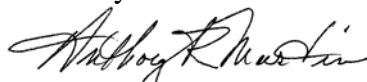
##### **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REFERENDUM**

Illinois voters are asked every 20 years whether or not a Constitutional Convention should be held. This year on November 4<sup>th</sup>, a referendum will be placed on the ballot for Illinois voters to decide whether there will be a Constitutional Convention. The current Constitution provides clear and unambiguous language that not pension benefit can be "diminished or impaired". It is difficult to say what delegates to the convention would do with the current provisions affecting pensions and other laws affecting disability pensions, workers compensation and collective bargaining. Given this uncertainty and the breadth of changes that could impact the benefits and rights of participants of the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, I encourage all of you to become informed, involved and vote.

##### **ENDE, MENZER, WALSH & QUINN RETIREES' WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE FUND**

Almost 700 widows whose monthly benefit is \$1,200 a month or less were sent \$500 this month thanks to the generosity of Chicago firefighters and paramedics. Many of these needy participants have already called or sent letters to our office to express their sincere gratitude to all of you who make this possible.

Thank you.



Anthony R. Martin  
Fund Secretary