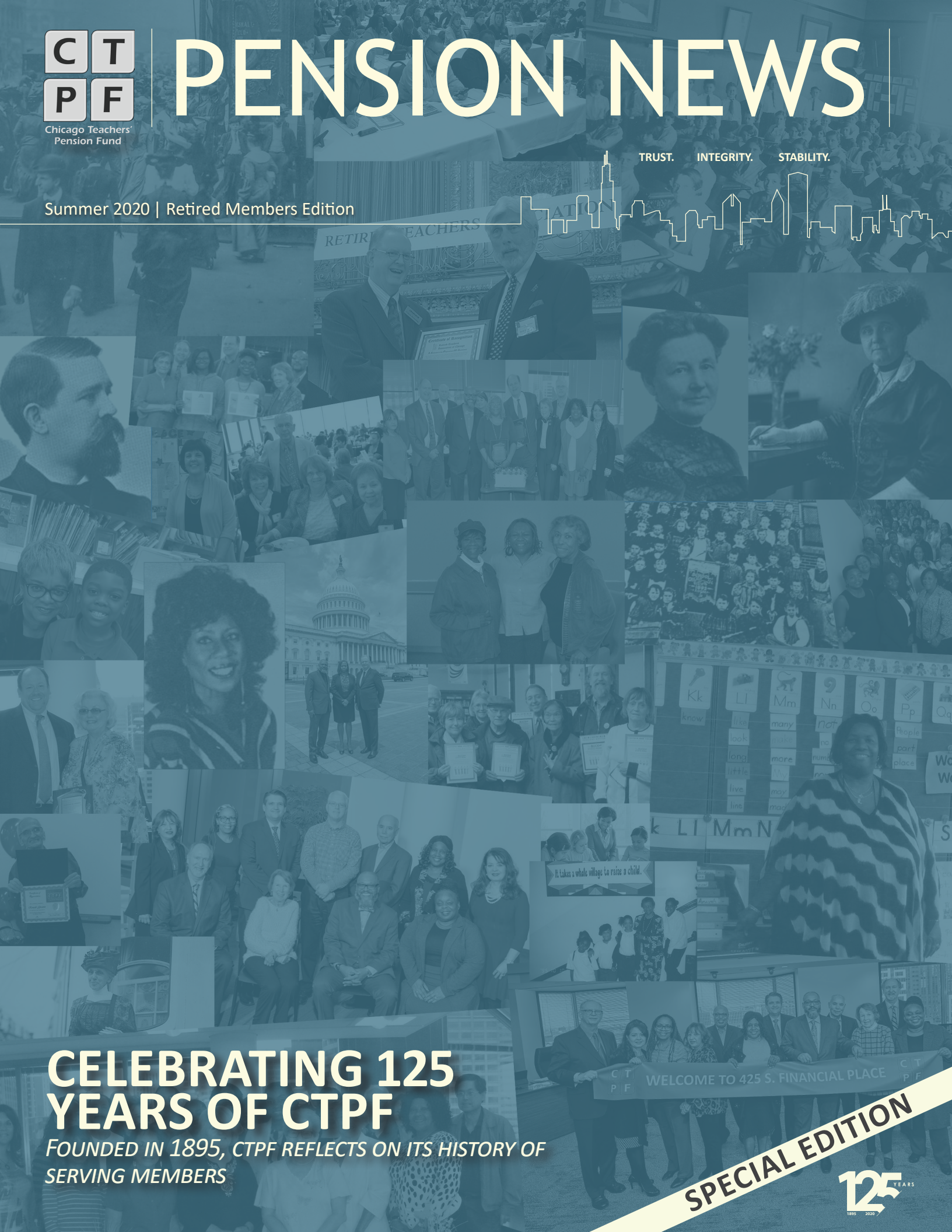


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Summer 2020 | Retired Members Edition



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF CTPF

FOUNDED IN 1895, CTPF REFLECTS ON ITS HISTORY OF SERVING MEMBERS

SPECIAL EDITION



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide, protect, and enhance the present and future economic well being of members, pensioners and beneficiaries through efficient and effective management of benefit programs, investment practices, and customer service, and to commit to earning and keeping the respect and trust of the participants through quality service and by protecting retirement benefits, in compliance with applicable laws and standards.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At CTPF, we have remained FLEXIBLE and DEDICATED to MEETING THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS and each other.



Charles A. Burbridge
Executive Director

This year we are being challenged like never before as we confront two life-threatening public health crises: COVID-19 and the centuries-old racism that continues to afflict our nation.

There is an urgent need to eradicate racism. Make no mistake, we have a long way to go. The challenges we face will continue to test all of us to our very core. CTPF recognizes that knowledge and understanding of diversity is the cornerstone of who we are as an organization. As we celebrate our 125th anniversary this year, we acknowledge that for 125 years we have made equality a priority and reaffirm our commitment to making this a priority into the future. CTPF strives to set an example that having inclusion and diversity as a part of an organization's culture and processes is not only the right thing to do but is the most prudent thing to do to secure a financially successful organization.

We are making progress on COVID-19, having successfully flattened the curve and entered Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan. While the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago have significantly loosened restrictions, no one wants to see the state backslide into another lockdown. Governor Pritzker intends to keep the state in phase four until there is a COVID-19 vaccine, so we're in this for the

long-haul. We will continue to rethink how we work, live, and play.

Bending the arc of the moral universe and flattening the curve of COVID do not happen by themselves. We make the arc bend, and we flatten the curve. Each day we can do more of both.

As we continue to ask questions and seek answers, we also recognize that we have hard work ahead of us. We will continue to push forward and reinvent ourselves as a society and in our workplace. As I search for signs of hope right now, I think about our dedicated employees who have shown up for work each and every day to serve you, our members, over the last few months to provide uninterrupted service to our members. I am inspired by the CPS graduates and the dedicated teachers who displayed strength and resilience over these last few months as their work was interrupted. I am honored to extend congratulations to the teachers who are retiring this year.

I am proud that CTPF pensions are secure and we continue to manage member funds wisely. While things may look and feel different, our work continues. It is a blessing to be able to celebrate accomplishments big and small.

I have absolute faith in our ability to get through these crises together. Amidst our shared pain, we continue to plan for our new normal. At CTPF, we have remained flexible and dedicated to meeting the needs of members and each other. Thank you for your trust. Be safe and well.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM SUBSIDY DEADLINE

August 31, 2020, is the last day to submit documentation for 2019 health insurance rebates (January 1-December 31, 2019), for annuitants enrolled in non-CTPF sponsored health plans. Completed applications must be returned to CTPF with required documentation by August 31, 2020. Email or call CTPF Member Services, memberservices@ctpf.org | 312.641.4464 (leave a voicemail and your message will be returned), with questions about the subsidy or application.

CTPF CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) is celebrating its quasiquicentennial (125th Anniversary) in 2020.

CTPF Trustees launched the anniversary year by passing a resolution on January 16, 2020, in honor of the Fund's 125th Anniversary. The quasiquicentennial provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the rich history of the Fund. The occasion was recognized by the General Assembly with HR 698 and a Senate Proclamation honoring 125 years of continuous operations. "CTPF has garnered respect for the excellent and transparent financial stewardship of public funds. The Trustees have set sound and responsible investment policies since inception," said CTPF Board of Trustees President Jeffery Blackwell. "As we mark the quasiquicentennial of CTPF, we appreciate all of those who have been involved with the evolution, administration, and management of the Fund over the last 125 years. We celebrate our continued resilience and sustainability as a Fund that is focused on caring for our dedicated CPS educators past and present."



Established on July 1, 1895, the Fund was established as the first teachers' pension system in Illinois and the second in the nation. The pension plan was seen as an important way to help attract and retain professional teachers and to ensure their financial stability and dignity in retirement. The Fund began with 8,000 members and today includes more than 88,000.

CTPF BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENTS

Since its inception, the Fund has been governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. CTPF is grateful for the hundreds of individuals who have served the Board during the past 125 years. Past Presidents include:

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| 1895-1896 Charles Thornton | 1937-1938 Arline Mayhew |
| 1896-1896 Carolyn K. Sherman | 1938-1942 Ida Nicely Lillis |
| 1896-1897 Joseph W. Errant | 1942-1951 Henry G. Gellen |
| 1897-1898 P. F. Pettibone | 1951-1957 Susan Scully |
| 1898-1899 George E. Adams | 1957-1959 Arthur R. Petrie |
| 1899-1901 Frank J. Loesch | 1959-1961 George O. Meierdierks |
| 1901-1903 John T. Keating | 1961-1965 Laura M. Light |
| 1903-1905 Joseph Stolz | 1965-1970 Ann M. Lally |
| 1905-1907 Jane Addams | 1970-1977 John N. Ryan |
| 1907-1910 Louie L. Kilbourn | 1977-1989 Robert T. Wilkie |
| 1910-1913 Mary E. Vaughn | 1989-1991 Judy Chervis |
| 1913-1913 William Rothmann | 1991-1993 Barbara Caldwell |
| 1914-1917 Charles S. Peterson | 1993-1993 Robert Konen |
| 1917-1921 George B. Arnold | 1993-2002 Mary Sharon Reilly |
| 1922-1923 Hart Hanson | 2002-2002 Patricia A. Knazzee |
| 1923-1923 Julius F. Smietanka | 2002-2004 Maria J. Rodriguez |
| 1923-1927 Inger M. Schjoldoger | 2004-2005 Patricia A. Knazzee |
| 1927-1928 Mary A. Swett | 2005-2011 John F. O'Brill |
| 1928-1934 Mary E. Dutton | 2011-2018 Jay C. Rehak |
| 1934-1937 Mary B. Livingston | 2018-Present Jeffery Blackwell |

In honor of our anniversary, take a look on *page 4* at events and people who shaped the Fund.

CALENDAR

Due to the pandemic, Board of Trustees meetings are being held online by video conference. Visit ctpf.org for access instructions.

AUGUST

- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 26 Town Hall Webinar | 9:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day Holiday | CTPF Closed
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Open Enrollment Begins
- 5-9 Open Enrollment Webinars & Phone Conferences (*see page 7*)
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 27 Open Enrollment Ends

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day | CTPF Closed
- 19 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Holiday | CTPF Closed
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday | CTPF Closed

DECEMBER

- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting | 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Christmas Holiday | CTPF Closed

This calendar includes CTPF Board of Trustees meetings. Find a full list of meetings, event registration, and confirm meeting times and dates at ctpf.org/calendar.

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | M-F

Celebrating 125 Years of Service

1895 2020

February 16, 1895, State Representative William C. Eakins of Chicago introduced a bill to the Illinois General Assembly “for the purpose of establishing a fund to be used to pension school teachers.” The legislation, authored by Charles Thornton, chair of the Chicago Public Schools Board of Trustees, gave the teachers of Chicago permission to establish a self-funded pension system. Pensions for teachers had been discussed in Illinois for decades, but this was the first time that the State legislature had taken action.

The legislation received widespread support and became law on July 1, 1895. The law helped to establish a system which would ensure the financial stability and dignity of teachers in retirement, not just in Chicago, but in the State of Illinois.

A PAGE FROM CTPF'S HISTORY

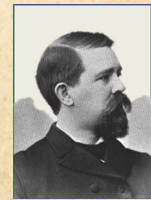
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CTPF!

July 1, 2020, CTPF celebrated its quasiquicentennial (125th anniversary). Throughout 2020, CTPF will commemorate this milestone of serving members, constituents, community, and citizens of Illinois with distinction.

1895

Friday, May 29, Illinois General Assembly passes a pension bill with “great enthusiasm” with a vote of 116 to 3. The first pensions are 100% teacher funded with a 1% compulsory withdrawal from salary. Maximum pension is set at \$600 per year.

Monday, July 1, Pension law in force. Governance of the Fund is managed by the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and two elected representatives from the teachers and employees.



Charles Thornton, the “father” of pension legislation, named first President of the Pension Fund.

1896

Sixteen women and one man are granted pensions.

Carolyn K. Sherman the Fund's first female President elected.

1897

At the November meeting the Committee on Finance presented the Fund's first financial Statement with income of \$82,160.25, expenses of \$19,490.49 and sets aside \$57,200 for investments.

1900

The Fund suffers from financial stress as the incoming receipts are not enough to meet the growing pension roles. The cash reserves are overdrawn by \$1,300. The Fund sells assets to pay pensions. November 10, a group of teachers demand that the Pension Board hire an actuary to examine the pension law and to recommend changes that will ensure solvency.

1901

The actuary finds the current law inadequate to sustain pensions and recommends revisions.

1905

The Board reorganizes with activist Jane Addams elected President. Addams pursues a new version of the pension law which will ensure sustainable benefits.



1907

May 13, The Chicago Tribune reports, “Joy for the Teachers” who were “jubilant” over the passage of two pension bills. One bill reorganized benefits and granted teachers an elected Board of Trustees which included 6 members elected by teachers and 3 from the Board of Education. The second allowed the Board of Education to make contributions to the Fund from interest accumulated on education funds. This was the first time funding for pensions would come from sources other than teachers.

1911

Legislation allowed the board of education to add an amount equal to the deduction from salaries for pensions.

1914

The Fund secures its own office on the sixth floor of the Tribune Building, Room 630.

1917

Otis-Muller Bill provides Tenure upon three years of employment.

1921

July 21 the pension amount was raised from \$400 to \$600 and disability pensions were authorized after 12 years of service.

1922

January 1, first annual tax levied to pay for pensions, collected in 1923.



Miss Inger M. Schjoldoger was the first President of the Board of Trustees elected under new rules which allowed Trustees to elect a President. Previously, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education held the position.

1929

Stock market crash of 1929 sets off the Great Depression.

1933

The first full time employee devoted to the Fund is hired, Robert B. Calloway, a clerk, was paid \$150 per month.

1936

Pension Fund office was located at 228 N. LaSalle Street and remained here until 1982.

1953

A Widow's pension is instituted for individuals married at least 7 years.

1964

Consistent with recent changes in the Illinois Pension Code, February, 21, 1964, the Committee on Investments issues a policy allowing and governing common stock investments, recommending a group of domestic investments from several industries including automobile, bank, building, chemical, drug, electrical products, food, machinery, metals, oil, paper, retail, steel and utilities.

1972

Pensions were exempted from state income tax.

1977

Robert Wilke elected President, and goes on to become the Fund's longest serving President, leaving office in 1989 after 12 years.

1987

Public Act 85-964 allows for the pension fund to pay a portion of health insurance cost.

1988

Changes in the law deny pension benefits to any member convicted of a felony arising out of or in connection with service as a teacher.

1991



Barbara Caldwell the Fund's first African-American President, elected (1991-1993).

1992

CTPF moves to 55 West Wacker Drive.

1995

The Board of Education redirects the pension tax levy to their operating budget, kicking off nearly a decade of underfunding for CTPF pensions. CPS promises to resume payment to the CTPF when the funded ratio falls below 90%. The State of Illinois agrees to contribute 20-30% of the contribution made to downstate/suburban teachers pensions.

1996

CPS failed to make regular pension contributions for nearly a decade (1996-2005), a pension “holiday” which cost CTPF \$2 billion in contributions.

1997

Charter schools are formed in Chicago and qualifying employees are required to participate in the Fund.

2002



Maria J. Rodriguez the Fund's first Hispanic President, elected (2002-2004).

2005

May 20, 2005, CTPF moves to 203 North LaSalle Street, 26th floor.

2006

CTPF launches *ctpf.org*

2010

Tier II pensions created for workers hired on or after January 1, 2011.

Legislation also reduces CPS pension payments \$1.2 billion from 2010-12.

2011

CTPF sends first email communication to members.

2013

Legislation establishes a Pension Officer at each charter school.

2017

Public Act 99-521 reestablished the CTPF tax levy. Public Act 100-465 changed the Illinois education funding formula, established the State's obligation to fund the normal cost of Chicago's teacher pensions, and provided health insurance fund.

2018



Jeffery Blackwell the Fund's first African-American male President, elected (2018-present)

2019-2020

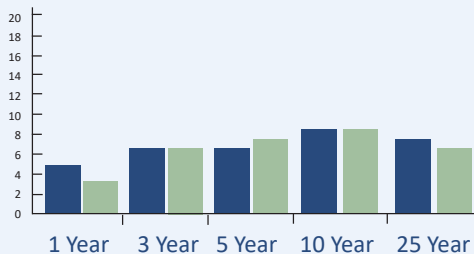
CTPF moves to 425 S. Financial Place in the South Loop. Dedicating priority space for serving members.

Financial Snapshot

RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

As of June 30, 2020

	NET RATE OF RETURN	TOTAL FUND BENCHMARKS
1 Year	4.20%	3.48%
3 Year	6.03%	6.04%
5 Year	6.25%	6.28%
10 Year	8.82%	8.59%
25 Year	7.52%	7.18%



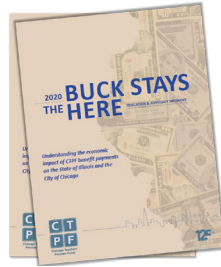
RATE OF RETURN
 TOTAL FUND BENCHMARKS

As of June 30, 2020, the approximate current value of CTPF's investments was \$10.7 billion.



2020 ECONOMIC IMPACT

CTPF has released its 2020 Economic Impact Study, *The Buck Stays Here*. The report examines the impact that CTPF educators have outside the classroom, and the economic benefit pensions have on the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. The report found that 83 percent of CTPF's annuitants stay in the State of Illinois.



CTPF annuitants are responsible for approximately \$1.4 billion in economic impact which helps to support 13,134 jobs in Illinois. The study used standard economic multipliers from the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis to assess the economic impact of spending.

YOUR IMPACT

CTPF members make an impact that extends far beyond the classroom – active and retired educators are also consumers, taxpayers, voters, and investors – who live and work primarily in Chicago and surrounding communities.



\$1.4 BILLION
in direct pension payments made to annuitants living in Illinois

RESULTS IN...



\$1.98 BILLION
in total economic impact in Illinois

Every dollar paid out in pension benefits generates \$1.41 in economic activity for the State – a solid return in any economy. In tough economic times, pensions matter even more – because pensioners with guaranteed income can continue to spend.

CTPF calculates estimates of total economic impact and jobs supported by multiplying benefit payments by total output multipliers supplied by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.



The full report and information sheets by House district, Senate district and Chicago Ward are available at ctpf.org

COVID-19 REMOTE OPERATIONS

CTPF is committed to doing our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. For the health, safety, and well-being of all CTPF Members, the Fund continues to deliver all member services remotely. The physical office remains closed to all but essential employees whose duties cannot be performed offsite. In-person services and counseling have been suspended until it is safe to resume these operations.

MAIL PROCESSING



During the pandemic, U.S. mail processing may be delayed. Send benefit applications, forms, and documents by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.JPG or .PDF format) to imaging@ctpf.org to ensure processing. Need help scanning without a scanner? Visit ctpf.org/covid-19 for instructions on how to use your phone as a scanner.

CONTACT MEMBER SERVICES



Member Services staff is answering questions and providing phone and video counseling. Call 312.641.4464 (leave a voicemail and your message will be returned), or email memberservices@ctpf.org for assistance. All calls will be forwarded to voicemail. Leave a message clearly stating your name, phone number, and the nature of your inquiry. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

REMOTE NOTARY AVAILABLE



While CTPF accepts many documents via email or fax, the requirement for a notary to witness signatures remains in place for certain documents. CTPF now offers remote notarization for CTPF documents. Members who would like to use remote notary services should call or email Member Services at 312.641.4464 (leave a voicemail and your message will be returned), or memberservices@ctpf.org, and request a zoom video conference for notarization.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PREVIEW

The 2021 Open Enrollment Period for health insurance will run from October 1-31, 2020. During this period, annuitants can enroll for the first time, add a dependent, or change a health insurance plan or carrier. Additional information will be mailed soon, but here are some steps you can take now to get ready.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS WITH CTPF

During the pandemic, we are using email and posting online more frequently. CTPF encourages you to maintain your updated contact details on file. Call 312.641.4464 (leave a message and your call will be returned), or email memberservices@ctpf.org to provide your primary email address and update any changes to the contact information we have on file.

YOUR PRIMARY INFORMATION SOURCE

Visit our 2021 Open Enrollment page. We're updating our website at ctpf.org/open-enrollment frequently with health insurance information. The 2021 Open Enrollment Handbook will be posted online before it's mailed out to our members, so check back often for up-to-date information. Member Services is available to answer your questions at 312.641.4464 (leave a voicemail and your message will be returned), or email memberservices@ctpf.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION WEEK

CTPF will host a week of webinars and audio presentations the week of October 5-9. Morning presentations will be webinars with a full audio-video presentation that can be viewed from any internet-connected device. Two presentations will

be audio only for individuals who do not have access to the internet. Register for all webinars and find dial-in information by clicking on the date at ctpf.org/calendar. All presentation materials will be posted at ctpf.org/open-enrollment.

Register for all webinars by clicking on the date at ctpf.org/calendar. Dial-in presentations do not require advance registration.

Medicare Presentations

Monday, October 5
10:00 a.m. Online Webinar

Wednesday, October 7
10:00 a.m. Online Webinar

1:00 p.m. Phone Conference
(audio only, 1.312.626.6799 when prompted enter Meeting ID: 936 3279 5744)

Friday, October 9
10:00 a.m. Online Webinar

Non-Medicare Presentations

Tuesday, October 6
10:00 a.m. Online Webinar

Thursday, October 8
10:00 a.m. Online Webinar

1:00 p.m. Phone Conference
(audio only, 1.312.626.6799 when prompted enter Meeting ID: 934 6061 6494)



PENSION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule for mailing checks/direct deposit pay advices and the date for posting direct deposits is listed below.

To view the full payment schedule for 2020 please visit ctpf.org.

Month	Check Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
September	August 28, 2020	September 1, 2020
October	September 29, 2020	October 1, 2020
November	October 29, 2020	November 2, 2020
December	November 25, 2020	December 1, 2020

TOWN HALL WEBINAR

CTPF offers quarterly, Town Hall webinars which share up-to-date information about the Fund and its operations. The webinars generally last about 40 minutes and require registration in advance.



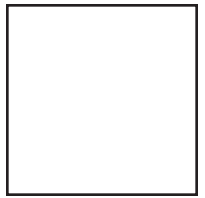
Find upcoming webinar and register for a webinar at ctpf.org/calendar.

Recordings of previous Town Hall Webinars are available on demand at ctpf.org.



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What are you doing to stay active, creative, engaged, and involved in your retirement?

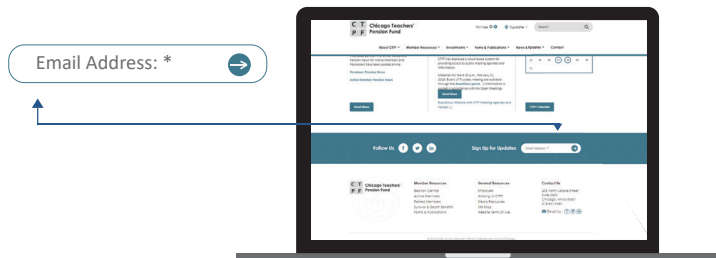


Email your story about how your retirement is unique to socialmedia@ctpf.org and we may contact you for a redefining retirement feature.

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