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CTPF Trustees & Employees Recognized

At the December 15, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting, CTPF launched its Milestone Recognition Program for Trustees and Employees and presented a Distinguished Service Award to former Trustee Dwayne Truss, and a 25-Year Service Award to Trustee Mary Sharon Reilly.

Trustee Truss joined the Board in 2019 and ended his service as CTPF's Board of Education representative in June. Trustee Mary Sharon Reilly was presented with a 25 Year Service Award for her quarter century of service to CTPF. Trustee Reilly served as an Active Teacher Trustee from 1991-2002 and has served as a Pensioner Trustee from 2007 to the present.

Read more here.



Pictured back row: Gail Davis, Director of Administrative Services, Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., Executive Director, Trustee Quentin S. Washington, Vice President Jacquelyn Price Ward, Trustee Victor Ochoa, Trustee Philip Weiss, Don Adams, Senior Systems Engineer. Front: President Jeffery Blackwell pictured with Financial Secretary Mary Sharon Reilly who received a 25-Year Service Award.

More than 100 employees were recognized for their service to CTPF including Don Adams, Senior Systems Engineer with 25 years of service and Gail Davis, Director of Administrative Services with 38 years of service.

CTPF Winter Town Hall Webinar

Please join CTPF Executive Director Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., January 25, at 4:00 p.m., for a <u>Winter Town Hall Webinar</u>. The webinar will offer a general overview of Fund operations and offer reminders for the winter. The webinar will last about 45 minutes. <u>Register in advance</u>.

CTPF members considering retirement next June are invited to attend a 2023 Retirement Webinar. These presentations provide a one-stop shop for retirement information, including a general overview of the CTPF and CPS retirement processes. Webinars will be offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on February 20 and April 4. Find additional information at ctpf.org/calendar.



CTPF to You: Informational Webinar

The CTU Pension/Insurance Committee is partnering with the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund to present an educational workshop for members working now. The workshop will be presented by January 10 at 4:30 p.m. and will cover general pension information including:

- Know the Differences Tier 1 vs. Tier 2 Benefits
- Ways to maximize your benefit
- Survivorship and Death Benefits

Time at the end for Q and A will be provided. Registration information is posted at ctpf.org/calendar.

Private Teaching Service Purchase Available

State certified teachers or administrators previously employed by a private school recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education who have 10 years of CTPF service, may be eligible to purchase private teaching service. The member must meet certain eligibility requirements, and complete CTPF Form 685. Find more information here.



HIPAA Authorized Representative Form

If you want a family member to assist you with health insurance issues, you can submit a HIPAA Authorized Representative Designation form, available at <u>ctpf.org</u> or from Member Services. Your Authorized Representative may discuss your health insurance options, but cannot make care or treatment decisions.

1099-R Form Mailing

The 2022 1099R mailing for pensioners will be mailed January 31, 2023, to the address on file at the CTPF on December 15, 2022. Forms will also be posted in the *my*CTPF Member Self Service Portal no later than February 6, 2023. Create an account at *my*CTPF.org so that you can download it directly.



myCTPF Launches New Features

The *my*CTPF Member Self-Service Portal includes new features for active and retired members:



- View and update address information (if you are not currently contributing to CTPF).
- View and update phone number and email addresses.
- View your benefit status information.
- View and download 1099-R and pay advice(s) (pensioners)
- View and download your annual Member Statement if you have service credit with CTPF.
- Request an estimate of your CTPF retirement benefit (if you meet the eligibility requirements).

Members are encouraged to register at <u>myCTPF.org</u>

Pension Payment Schedule

CTPF encourages all members to switch to direct deposit. Call Member Services at 312.641.4464 to request a direct deposit form. The schedule for mailing checks and direct deposit dates through April 2023 is listed below. Click here for the full schedule

Month	Last Day to Submit an Address or Tax Withholding Change	Check Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
January 2023	December 15, 2022	December 29, 2022	January 3, 2023
February 2023	January 17, 2023	January 30, 2023	February 1, 2023
March 2023	February 13, 2023	February 27, 2023	March 1, 2023
April 2023	March 17, 2023	March 30, 2023	April 3, 2023

Employee Contribution Reporting

Each pay period, Employers remit employee pension contributions to CTPF. Illinois law requires that these contributions be made within a certain time period. If the Employer does not send the funds within the required time, penalties may be assessed. Find the most recent list of delinquent employers here.

Lost Payees

CTPF is trying to contact members who are over age 72, but who have not commenced benefits or taken a refund of their contributions. If you or someone you know is included on the <u>Lost Payees Listing</u>, please contact Member Services, 312.641.4464 or email <u>memberservices@ctpf.org</u>.

Save CTPF's Phone Number

CTPF encourages members to save the Member Services number, 312.641.4464, in their contact list to avoid being marked as spam.



CTPF COVID-19 Operations

CTPF has implemented the following changes for the health and safety of all:

- In-person appointments and services are suspended.
- Phone assistance, video counseling, and remote notarization appointments are

- available. Members should call 312.641.4464 or email memberservices@ctpf.org for assistance.
- Because US Mail processing may be delayed, members are encouraged to send benefit
 applications, forms, and documents by fax 312.641.7185 or email an attachment (.pdf
 or .jpg format) to imaging@ctpf.org to ensure prompt processing.

Calendar of Events

All current meeting dates, office information, and upcoming event information can be found on the CTPF Calendar at ctpf.org/calendar.



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CTPF will continue to share information at ctpf.org on social media, in E-Lerts, and in E-News.

We also encourage you to connect with CTPF on social media; many of CTPF's more than 90,000 members are active on either Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Please consider forwarding this email to a friend who may be a fellow member or pensioner.

Register for email updates here.







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