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## ***Don't Miss!***

**TONIGHT - Social Media and Your Career**

**October 12 - New Member Orientation**

**October 12 - AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players**

**October 17 - SAG/AFTRA One Union Blood Drive**

*See below for more details on these events.*

## ***Volunteers needed!***

Join a fun group and talk to your fellow actors. The KMRC is calling all Chicago members about the KMRC Endowment Campaign. For more information and to volunteer, please call Richard Hatfield at (312) 573-8081 or (630) 689-7325. Thank you for your support.

## ***TONIGHT***

***The Conservatory and KMRC Present:  
Social Media and Your Career  
6 - 8 p.m. Monday, October 3***

Learn the dos and don'ts about websites, Twitter and Facebook. Want to know how to build a website? We'll cover that, too.

Mary Kay Cook and Ali Goodman will teach you all the ins and outs of using Twitter and Facebook to network and build a career. Todd Hissong will share guidelines and advice to make you a website pro.

There will be tips and ideas for those who don't know a tweet from a twit, but members more experienced with social media will benefit, too.

Class size is limited. Call the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081 and sign up today.

***Park for \$10*** at 10 East Ontario. Enter on the north side of Ontario between Wabash and State, then take a ticket. When you sign in, you may purchase a four-hour ticket for \$10. You will need both tickets to exit the parking structure. Cash only.

**Work the perk!** Social Media and Your Career, like all AFTRA/SAG Conservatory and KMRC programming, is a benefit of your union membership and is offered to all AFTRA, SAG and AEA members in good standing. Please bring your paid-up membership card.

**Next Up for the Conservatory:**

**Diversity and Entertainment, Monday, November 7.**

Scheduled to participate on the panel are Michael Patrick Thornton, Cheryl Hamada and John W. Lawson.

**Boss Renewed!**

A month before its premiere, Starz has ordered a second season of Kelsey Grammer's upcoming new drama, *Boss*. Scheduled to debut on October 21, the renewal is for 10 episodes - two more installments than the first season order. Production is expected to begin in early 2012.

Chicago's September 26 annual SAG meeting featured several members who have roles in the first season. Careful to not give away any storylines, they described their auditions and shared their very positive experiences on the set. To view the *Boss* trailer, visit [Starz online](#).

Shot here, Grammer plays Chicago Mayor Tom Kane. He holds sway over just about everything in the city. When faced with a terrible secret that threatens to topple his power, his true character is revealed: It's not power that drives Tom Kane, but his fear of losing it.

**Don't Miss Chicago AFTRA/SAG Senior Radio Players October 12**

*A Map of Gold*, directed by Mercita DeMonk

Chicago's own Dick Thorne excelled as a radio announcer, actor, director and writer. The A/S Senior Radio Players hope to raise a sizable crop of goose bumps on your hide by dramatizing one of Thorne's 112 episodes from the series he dedicated to "the supernatural, the unusual and the unknown." A little redundant, maybe, but right on target.

*Dragnet*, the Big Gap episode, directed by Martin Halacy

The low-key, realistic police drama series based on actual crimes as revealed in official Los Angeles police files. Jack Webb directed the show and created Detective Joe Friday, a character so memorable that it was imitated for decades after *Dragnet* left the air. In this episode, Joe and his partner Frank Smith methodically track down a pair of bad guys guilty of grand theft.

7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Claudia Cassidy Theater, 77 E. Randolph (at Michigan Avenue)

Admission is free, however seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**New Member Orientation, Wednesday, October 12**

New members represent the future for AFTRA and SAG. The stronger they are, the stronger our unions and all members are. The goal of the New Members Subcommittee of AFTRA/SAG Community Outreach, Community Organizing (COCO) is to get new members actively involved in our unions - volunteering, voting and learning - as early as possible.

The New Member Orientation event is just one part of the process. Topics covered include every step involved in the union experience - from initiation fees and the dues structure to the correct way to execute member reports and contracts. Other areas include agents and commissions, casting directors, resolving claims, health coverage, set demeanor, committees, staff, etc.

Plan now to attend the next New Membership Orientation and stay informed. If you joined AFTRA or SAG during the past couple of years, it's not too late attend. Been a member for awhile and want to brush up on this information? You are welcome, too. The next orientation is at noon, Wednesday, October 12. Please call the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081 to reserve a spot.

### **Chicago SAG/AFTRA One Union Blood Drive October 17**

If you have avoided donating blood because you don't like needles, try this: With your thumb and forefinger, pinch the skin on the inside of your elbow joint. Regular blood donors say that's a pretty good simulation of what it feels like when you give blood. Won't you just give it a try - and then if you think somebody's life is worth putting up with a little pinch, we'd love to sign you up for the SAG/AFTRA One Union Blood Drive.

### **SAG/AFTRA One Union Blood Drive 1 - 7 p.m. Monday, October 17 KMRC, One East Erie Suite 660**

Again this year, The Actors Fund is providing free flu shots (from 2 - 6 p.m.). The drive is open to everyone: SAG, AFTRA, AEA, family and friends.

Blood donors will receive a 10-MINUTE HEADSHOT SESSION with Lila of Lila M. Stromer Photography! That's right, give a pint and walk out with a new headshot on disk for FREE! (For samples of her work, visit [Lila M. Stromer Photography](#). Your headshot session will be scheduled prior to your donating blood.

#### ***Come to...***

- Give Blood
- Get a Flu Shot
- Get a Headshot
- Support Your Friends
- Save Lives
- Show You Care!

Please contact Kathy Byrne at the AFTRA/SAG office to sign up, phone (312) 573-8081 or email [kbyrne@aftra.com](mailto:kbyrne@aftra.com).

You must be 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds to donate blood. There is no upper age limit and most medications do not disqualify you from donating. If you have any questions, call the LifeSource Medical Help Desk at (877) 543-3768.

We will also have the KMRC's computers up and running so you can join the secretary of state's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. Annually, 8,000 Americans needlessly die due to too few donated organs. You don't need to wait until the blood drive to sign up. Become an organ or tissue donor today at [Life Goes On](#).

*Please note that nothing herein constitutes or is intended to imply an endorsement of any individual or company participating in this event.*

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**The KMRC will be closed to other uses during this event.**

### **Special Discount for AFTRA and SAG Members**

The AFTRA/SAG Singers Committee will tape a performance of *One Voice* at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, October 13. Open to all AFTRA and SAG singers in good standing, if you'd like to participate, please call Jolene Jones at the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081 for more details.

After the taping of *One Voice*, enjoy an evening of music featuring Wendy Morgan (vocalist) with Dean Rolando (pianist) and friends performing a collection of jazz and soulful jazz favorites. Under the Radar and Shana Gray will perform an inspiring set as well.

Tickets are \$12 and \$10 for seniors and students. AFTRA and SAG members, show your card and save \$2. Ticket also includes a wine-and-cheese reception immediately after the concert.

Thursday, October 13 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)  
Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Hall  
1490 Chicago Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201  
(847) 905-1500

### **Chicago Small Business Expo October 7**

Register now for the city of Chicago's Small Business Expo. It's a full day of free information, including expert workshops in social media, how to promote and market your business, the art of networking and much more. Visit the [Chicago City Treasurer](#) for online registration.

### **Follow the KMRC on Facebook and Twitter**

How often have you visited the KMRC website in the past month? How often have you visited Facebook in just the last day? You can now stay up to date on all of the events and training offered at the KMRC while you are on Facebook. Find the [KMRC page here](#), like it, and visit often!

You can also sign up to follow KMRCChicago on Twitter to get news and updates.

Please don't go away shaking your head if you don't eat, breathe and sleep new technology. The important thing to remember is that your unions are reaching out to members in a variety of ways, and if one doesn't suit your needs, another will. Information about events at the KMRC will still be posted at [KMRCChicago.com](#) and included in *The Activator*.

### **Save the Date for the 2011 WIF Focus Awards Gala!**

Honoring Oscar-Winning Set Decorator for *Alice in Wonderland*, Karen O'Hara, Producer Chaz Ebert, and Grossman & Jack Talent's Linda Jack!

Women in Film-Chicago is excited to announce this year's Focus Awards honorees: local honorees producer and philanthropist Chaz Ebert (*Ebert Presents: At The Movies* and Ebertfest Film Festival); voice-over director and business owner Linda Jack (Grossman & Jack Talent Agency); and national honoree Oscar-winning set decorator Karen O'Hara (*Alice In Wonderland*). WIF honors these women for their significant contributions in the areas of film, television, advertising and digital media!

Thursday, October 13, 2011  
Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza  
For more info and tickets, visit [WIFChicago.org](#).

### **Chicago Jobs with Justice Celebrates 20 Years**

Help Jobs with Justice celebrate its 20th anniversary. On Tuesday, October 11, join with the Celebration Committee co-chairs, Chicago Federation of Labor President Jorge Ramirez, Attorney

Marvin Gittler and Rev. Calvin Morris, in honoring one of Jobs with Justice's founders, SEIU Local 1 President Tom Balanoff.

Please visit the [JWJ website](#) for event details, to purchase a ticket or make a donation

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