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"A Conversation with Ken Howard"

7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Kaufherr Members Resource Center
One East Erie, Suite 660
Chicago, IL 60611**

**Seating is limited. Please call the
office to RSVP, (312) 573-8081.**

Be a Part of W & W 2010

Throughout July, Chicago AFTRA/SAG has held Joint Wages & Working Conditions meetings in preparation for the AFTRA Exhibit A and SAG TV/Theatrical Contract negotiations. The final meeting is at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 29. For details on W&W 2010, please visit either the AFTRA website at AFTRA.com or the Screen Actors Guild website at SAG.org.

Meetings are open to all paid-up AFTRA and SAG members.

Where: Chicago AFTRA/SAG Boardroom, One East Erie, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60611

Please RSVP by contacting Kathy Byrne at (312) 573-8081 or by e-mail at kbyrne@aftra.com.

ST. LOUIS MEETING *

When: Thursday, July 29, 2010, at 5 p.m. (CST)

Where: The St. Louis AFTRA office at 1310 Papin St., St. Louis, MO 63103

Please RSVP by contacting Maureen O'Brien at (314) 231-8410, or by e-mail at mobrien@aftra.com.

E-mail Suggestions - Can't make it to the committee meeting? You can still play an active part by e-mailing your ideas to wandw2010@sag.org or wandw2010@aftra.com. Recommendations must be received by August 6, 2010.

All proposal recommendations will be reviewed by the Joint Wages & Working Conditions Committee.

*AFTRA and SAG St. Louis members will take part in the Chicago AFTRA/SAG W&W meeting via conference call.

KMRC Committee Meeting Noon, Wednesday July 28

Do you want to have a role in guaranteeing that the KMRC continues to be a valuable resource for Chicago's AFTRA and SAG members? Put your ideas and energy to work. Join the Kaufherr Members Resource Center Committee.

Your input is important to the KMRC and the many members who use it. Whatever your skills or areas of interest are, your help is needed. Think about how you can help. There is always much work to do. To join the committee or to RSVP for the July 28 meeting, call the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081.

The KMRC presents "A Conversation with Ken Howard" on July 29

The president of Screen Actors Guild will share details about his long career and his vision for the future of the Guild at Chicago's KMRC.

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A working member of Screen Actors Guild for more than 40 years, Ken Howard was elected the 25th president of the Guild on September 24, 2009.

A Tony and Emmy Award winning actor, Howard has earned a formidable list of credits, including his role in HBO's critically acclaimed *Grey Gardens* - for which he earned his second Emmy just four days before winning the SAG presidential election.

This is a FREE event for AFTRA, SAG and Equity members. Space is limited so please call the office to RSVP, (312) 573-8081. Bring your paid-up union card for admittance.

Chicago AFTRA/SAG CONSERVATORY Presents

YOUR HEALTH AND FINANCIAL FUTURE

Meet national experts from your SAG - Producers Pension and Health Plans and AFTRA Health and Retirement Funds. They will address frequently asked questions!

Monday, September 13
6 - 7:15 p.m. SAG P&H
~ Refreshments ~
7:45 - 9 p.m. AFTRA H&R

KMRC
One East Erie, Suite 660

Reserve now. Space is limited. To RSVP and submit your questions (by August 20, 50 word

maximum) please email Latisha Wagner at lwagner@aftra.com.

Work the Perk! Like all AFTRA/SAG Conservatory and KMRC programming, this event is a benefit of your union membership and offered to all AFTRA and SAG members in good standing. Please bring your paid-up membership card.

Freelance Tidbit

Safety on Set: When on set, if you're asked to do anything that causes you concern for your safety or health or that of others, contact the union office immediately. As an actor you are ultimately responsible for yourself, so call the union before shooting the scene.

Members Ratify the AFTRA Network Television Code "Front of the Book"

AFTRA members have overwhelmingly voted to ratify a one-year extension to the 2007-2010 AFTRA National Code of Fair Practice for Network Television Broadcasting (AFTRA Network Code "Front of the Book") by a margin of 98 percent in favor to 2 percent against.

The extension was unanimously approved by the AFTRA National Board of Directors on June 11, and sent out for ratification by membership meetings in AFTRA's five largest Locals of New York, San Francisco, Washington/Baltimore, Los Angeles and Chicago pursuant to Article XI, "Members' Contracts," of the AFTRA National Constitution and Bylaws. Voting commenced in Los Angeles on June 22 and concluded today, July 13, when the final membership meeting was held in San Francisco.

Tri-Union I AM PWD Campaign Goes Global

On July 20, AFTRA, SAG and AEA announced that the International Federation of Actors, also known as FIA (Fédération Internationale des Acteurs), has endorsed the unions' global I AM PWD campaign.

The tri-union Inclusion in the Arts & Media of People with Disabilities (I AM PWD) campaign is a global outreach and human rights initiative led by people with disabilities to give a voice in entertainment and media to performers and journalists with disabilities who often go unseen and unheard. The resolution achieved the support of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) as the first international co-sponsor of the campaign, and was approved by the full FIA Executive Meeting at its June 26-27 session in Copenhagen, Denmark.

According to the FIA resolution, "Unions affiliated with FIA are urged to bargain to ensure that performers with disabilities can request reasonable accommodations without the fear of losing their jobs; to free people with disabilities from real and virtual discrimination; and to allow people with disabilities to compete equally for job opportunities without facing bias or exclusionary practices."

WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh Votes for AFTRA Representation

On July 16, AFTRA announced that in an election held on June 30, the on-air employees at Hearst Station WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh voted for representation by AFTRA. The election results were certified on July 14 by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The on-air unit includes 23 anchors and reporters, including weatherpersons and sports announcers. The election marks the return of the unit to AFTRA after a decertification in 1997. One long-time reporter at the station commented, "Times have really changed. It's a different company now and my hours, schedule and rights at work have gotten worse."

John Haer, AFTRA Pittsburgh Local Executive Director and chief negotiator for the union in the negotiations, said, "The employees at WTAE-TV decided they needed a real voice to support them as professional journalists and help them deal with what they considered arbitrary changes at their workplace. AFTRA is the voice for professional journalists working in today's evolving broadcast industry, and we are very pleased to welcome the employees at WTAE-TV back to AFTRA Pittsburgh."

The election and successful NLRB certification paves the way for negotiations to commence between AFTRA and Hearst for a collective bargaining agreement covering the 23 new AFTRA-covered employees. Negotiations are expected to begin later this year.

In response to members' requests to stay informed, *The Activator* may include notice of rallies, pickets and other actions by unions and the labor movement that have not been sanctioned by the National or Chicago Board of Directors of AFTRA or SAG. This information is provided as a convenience.

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