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Catholic Charities fundraiser

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Chicago's premier wine tasting event d'Vine Affair, benefitting the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is 2-6 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson.

New to the highly anticipated event, which showcases more than 250 wines from around the world, is the craft and import beer tasting area.

In addition to the tasting a live and silent auction will be held. The winning bidder of the live auction wins a barrel (equivalent 300 bottles) of wine that will be bottled in spring 2015.

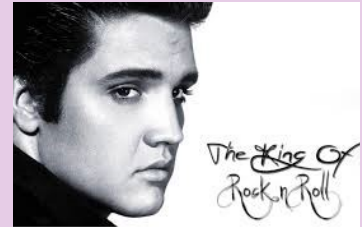


The silent auction offers everything from basic items for both wine and non wine enthusiasts to premium items that includes tickets to the Valentine's Day Fleetwood Mac concert at 8 p.m. at Allstate Arena.

Guests can purchase raffle tickets for the Stock Your Own Cellar I (\$1,000 value); Stock Your Own Cellar II (\$500) and a case of Montaudon Champagne from the Glunz Family Winery & Cellars (\$450). Winners of the stock your own cellar can select from varieties at the event. The raffle takes place at 5 p.m.

The Tickets are \$125. Proceeds benefit the organization's self-sufficiency programs, which includes job training and education, building self esteem and assisting in helping to secure earnings.
catholiccharities.net

Elvis celebration



The Original Mother's, 26 W. Division, hosts its 15th Annual Elvis Fest 7 p.m. Jan. 8.

Legendary broadcaster and Radio Hall of Fame inductee Dick Biondi from 94.7 WLS-FM hosts the event.

Festivities, in celebration of Elvis' birthday, includes performances by tribute artists, the always interesting Elvis look-alike contest and karaoke.

A complimentary buffet will feature Elvis favorite—peanut butter and banana sandwiches. Themed cocktails will also be available.

In salutation to The King's birthday guests will be feted to a slice of Happy Birthday Elvis cake.

[originalmothers](http://originalmothers.com)

Dinner is served

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Chef Kevin Hickey of Bottlefork & the Duck Inn serves up the menu for the January edition of The Dinner Party 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Chicago City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph.



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Dinner guests are Saturday Night Live alum Julia Sweeney, journalist Bill Kurtis, who also added cat-rancher to his resume, and the monthly mystery guest.

Host Elysabeth Alfano engages guests in unscripted dinner conversation with her special guests during the event.

Chef Hickey's menu includes a clam stew appetizer served with homemade cracker and braised beef brisket entrée made with Kurtis' Tallgrass beef.

The evening includes performances by PLUS and opening act BAM!, the Chicago Human Rhythm Project's tap repertory company. Tickets are \$45.

For an additional fee guests can participate in a pre-dinner wine tasting, 5-6:30 p.m., led by sommelier Robert Houde; \$65, includes dinner ticket. Proceeds from the tasting benefits the Trotter Project, the foundation created by Chef Charlie Trotter. **citywinery**

Jazz & bubbles

Engineers Without Borders-Chicago Professional Chapter's

Candelaria's Jazz and Bubbles event is 5:30-9:30



p.m. Jan. 23 at PianoForte Chicago, 1335 S. Michigan. A \$20 donation is suggested and includes premium seating, three drink tickets and food).

The music program features piano-bassoon duo Sana Me and Sara Laupp.

Proceeds benefit the organization's environmental and economic efforts for Candelaria, a mountain region in western Honduras. **engineerswithoutborders**

Restaurant Week

Chicago Restaurant Week is Jan. 30-February 12 with pre-events beginning Jan. 5.

During the two week period prix fixe lunch (\$22) and dinner specials (\$33/\$44) will be available at more than 250 restaurants.

Restaurateur and master sommelier Alpana Singh hosts the official kick-off event "First Bites Bash," 5:30-8:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Great Hall at Union Station, 500 W. Jackson, where guests will be feted to creations from more than 50 chefs. Tickets are \$125.



Pre CRW events include weekly giveaways beginning Jan. 5. A grand prize giveaway that includes a Terlato Wines wine fridge, \$250 Uncoked.com gift card and \$100 restaurant gift card to Jellyfish takes place the week of Feb. 7-13. **chicagochoose**

Food bytes:



Whole Foods Market, 1550 N. Kingsbury, hosts “A Dinner with Twisted Out Cancer & Begyle Brewing Co.,” highlighting the retailers “healthy starts here” program, 7 p.m. Jan. 15; \$35 All proceeds benefit Twist Out Cancer. [eventbrite](#)

Seasonal affair

Mary Ross, advanced sommelier at Haus Wine & Spirits, leads a discussion on seasonal food and wine pairings at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 in the bar area at Mariano’s Lakeshore East, 333 E. Benton; \$20. [eventbrite](#)



Arctic blast

Guests can enjoy food samples and tastings during Yacht Party Chicago’s Pizza Fest and Frost Cocktails event 6-9 p.m. Jan. 22 aboard the Odyssey, docked at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand. [yachtpartychicago](#)

Mixing it up with....

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Japanese sister restaurants Arami and Ani’s “One Cup (cans and bottles of sake served in 180-200ml sizes)” sake beverage program introduces guests to a variety of the popular fermented rice-based drinks.

Arami’s, 1829 W. Chicago, featured selections are Kiku Masamune (Jummai Taru, vanilla, pepper, matured in cedar, \$14); Otokoyama Man’s Mountain (Tokubetsu Jummai, very dry and slightly fruit, \$16); Akishika Bambi Cup (a clean, neutral smooth Jummai) and Kikusui Kunko Black Can (Honjozo Nama, shochu layered with ripe melon, \$18). [aramichicago](#)

Offerings from Ani, 3056 N. Lincoln, include the above listings along with Hakushika White Deer (Jummai Nama, fresh plum, \$10); Amanoto Heaven’s Door (Jummai, floral, fruit essence, raisin, \$16); Kikusui Funaguchi (rich, slightly sweet Honjozo Nama) and Yuri Masamune Beautiful Lily (Honjozo an earthy balance of fruit and dryness). [anichicago](#)

Open doors:

Level 257. A Pac Man themed restaurant modeled after the videogame character comes to Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg in early 2015. [slashfilm](#)

Loews Chicago Hotel. 455 N. Park Drive. Featuring a



signature restaurant and rooftop lounge opens in March 2015.

[loewshotel](#)

Monteverde. 1020 W. Madison. “Top Chef” finalist and former Spiaggia chef de cuisine Sara Grueneberg (pictured) looks to open her first eatery in Spring 2015.

Super Bowl shuffle

Alumni for Public Schools kicks off Super Bowl weekend with the first ever Super Bowl crawl 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 31. The event, “Super Bar Crawl,” follows Chicago’s CTA Brown Line stops through River North, Old Town, Lincoln Park and Lakeview. From south to north bars include Highline (Merchandise Mart); Ay Chiwowa (Chicago); Old Town Social (Sedgwick); Kincade’s (Armitage); Surprise Food Truck (Fullerton); Headquarters Beercade (Diversey); Kirkwood (Wellington); Surprise Food Truck (Belmont); Schoolyard (Southport) and Waterhouse Paulina.

Tickets are \$20. Proceeds, benefitting APS Chicago, will support to for the organization’s initiative to provide CPS students resources they need to thrive intellectually and personally through volunteer and mentoring programs.

The first 100 crawlers will receive survival mugs stuffed with essentials for the day: drinking gloves, a CTA one-day pass and logo skull cap. **apschicago**

