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Hello CSIFT Members.

Balance. Yes, we've all heard the word used for describing our lives. Balancing work, balancing your personal life and for the Holidays, balancing everything that needs to be done. Of course, we've also heard the statement "losing your balance" and this too is part of life...yet CSIFT wants to help you get on track.

You'll be receiving this Newsletter late enough in December that you may not even have time to read the many great articles in this issue (it's that balance thing again). Do take time to read about January's events – get them on your calendar *now* and get organized for 2011!

There are **three** events in January that are highlighted in this Newsletter. We are starting our Technical Programs again in January with an event at FONA, our Young Professionals are planning Whirly Ball event for all Members to attend, and of course we will have our

January dinner meeting, an interactive Second City/ Innovation Focus seminar on innovation, it's entitled, **"Technology Innovation Meets Improvisation – Go Beyond Business as Usual"**. This is a rare opportunity – through CSIFT you will meet two individuals who work with the Fortune 500 providing professional development skills (read their bios on the dinner meeting registration page): [See more and Register Here](#)

Because life doesn't come with a script! Chicago is the world capital of improvisation (improv) and sketch comedy, and The Second City is in the heart of it. For fifty years The Second City has created a wealth of comedic material from a legendary group of performers. The Training Center follows the traditions developed by these groundbreaking and innovative men and women while encouraging the continued growth and development of the art forms of comedy and improvisation. Today, The Second City Training Center is the largest school of improvisation and sketch comedy in the world and they have teamed up with Innovation Focus to show us how creativity and innovation can be used in your work and your personal life.

The New Year will bring changes. For CSIFT, our Nominating Committee has done an excellent job in finding candidates for the 2011-2012 ballot. And yes it's already that time of year when we will be voting for new Officers. My term ends as of September 1, 2011 and while there are many educational and fun events planned throughout my term...these events are planned months and sometimes, years in advance. For the New Officers to have time to select featured speakers, venues for our events and hot topics that all of us are interested in – this starts immediately after the election.



It is important for each of you to know as CSIFT Members, that CSIFT's future is in your hands – read about the candidates and vote! Your Officers and Committee Members set our programs and events. If you want to get involved, come to one of the Executive Committee meetings, sign up on the Web for one of the Committees and/or reach out to one of your Officers. The CSIFT Business Office can also assist with answering your questions. Now is the time – start the New Year with exciting new opportunities to volunteer! Add a new dimension, add balance!

Enter 2011 with new hopes and dreams.

Yours in CSIFT,
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