

JOB FRONT

**WEEK'S
HIRS & EVENTS**

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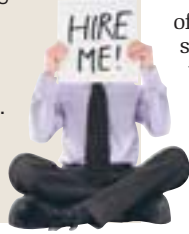
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Friday
LinkedIn for Your

West Side YMCA,
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10-11:30

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Got a job? You should still network

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If you're still among the ranks of the employed, consider yourself lucky. But don't rest easy just yet. Job security is a thing of the past, and worker bees need to stay one step ahead of their employers. That means staying plugged into one's industry and aware of who's hiring. In other words, it takes networking, even while working.

Getting out there

"The best time to start networking is when you have a job, because you don't have the pressure of being unemployed," said Marisol Berrios, career coach and president of Career and Life Matters in the Bronx.

To start, Berrios suggested joining a chamber of commerce or charity organization.

It's also essential to join your professional association and to attend its networking events, as well as one-on-one meetings to hear what industry innovators are doing.

"Get involved with a group of diverse professionals and showcase what makes you valuable," Berrios said. "Find groups aligned with your goals." If membership is too expensive, she suggested looking out for free webinars and classes.



Consider joining a sports team in order to meet people who can help you get ahead.

Go outside the professional arena

Keep an open mind about which events or organizations will help you, added frequent networker Scott Bloom, president of Bloom Real Estate Group.

Bloom plays on softball teams, combining business and pleasure.

"Do what you like and get to know others there. People like working with those who think like them," Bloom said.

Added Berrios, "If you go to church on Sundays and there's a gathering, go to that. Go to PTA meetings, talk to people at the bus stop. Do one or two things per week, whether that's a phone call, an e-mail or a conversation."

Don't fret about getting caught

"Good managers want their employees to be con-

nected within their profession," said networking guru Joan Cear, president of the New York Women in Com-

LESSER-KNOWN NETWORKING SPOTS

- You can find new job contacts everywhere. Get involved with:
- PTA meetings
 - Sports leagues
 - Chambers of commerce
 - Charity events

munications found. Simply tell your boss or those with whom you're networking—that you want to meet industry leaders to expand your network. It doesn't mean you're leaving where you are. "Don't lose focus on your job, but stay open, and look for ways to build relationships with new contacts," Berrios added.

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