



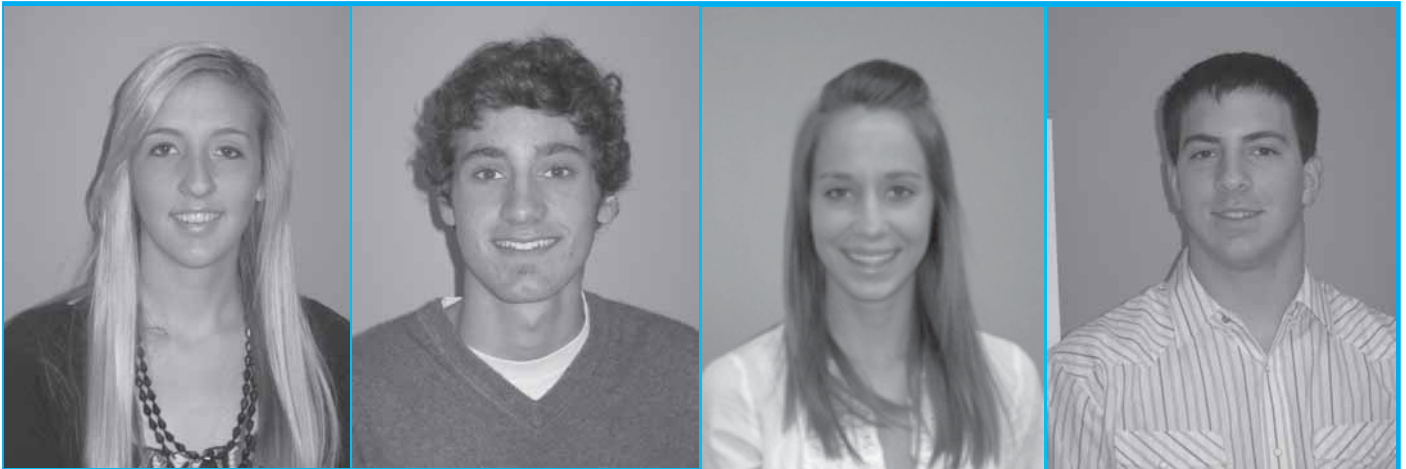
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Convention fireworks; more bids for Local's new home and a Web Site update

by
Dennis K. Grow, President



This is our mid-year issue where we showcase the sons and daughters of our members who have been awarded a Local 728 Scholarship. This year we presented scholarships to 8 deserving individuals. Congratulations to them all. Next issue we will start printing the Local 728 Scholarship application. It will also be available on our web site and of course from the office. If you have a child that is a senior in high school, please take this opportunity and let us help further their education.

At the last Membership meeting, I swore in only one new member. This tells me just how much our work has slowed down. At that meeting I handed out 30-, 35- and 40-year pins. I also awarded a local 728 Gold Card to a deserving member.

Most interesting is the story about the lost Local 728 Gold Card that was found and returned to us. Next issue we will name our pin recipients, who received the latest Gold Card and explain the mystery of the lost Gold Card.

Thirteen of our 23 Delegates are on their way to Orlando, Florida for the 66th Quadrennial International

Convention (every 4 years). We are presenting the five resolutions that were printed here previously. There will be a one-day District 2 Convention followed by a five-day International Convention. Who the heck picked Orlando in July? Though we are not expecting any, I'll let you know if there are fireworks. I'm sure Matthew Loeb will be elected President.

All I can say about the building is we have some new bids to look at. The Building Committee wants to send a letter to the Membership to bring them up-to-date on where we are and what is going to happen. I look forward to it.

David Watson and his Web Site Committee are working with our web designer on our new Web Site. It should be up and running in a few months. It will incorporate some exciting new changes that should make it more interesting and more interactive. When it is ready, a future issue of The Bulletin will highlight the new features.

See you when I get back from Florida.

Fraternally,

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ELECTION NOTICE

Upcoming Election of Officers

Please be aware that there will be
Nominations for Election of Officers
at the September Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

IATSE Local 44 Office Building, 12021 Riverside Dr., North Hollywood

FOR THE FOLLOWING:
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(4) Executive Board Officers

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FIRST NOTICE

BRANDON ALPERIN, FRANCINE NATALE, RIAN MUNDALL AND ROBERT UCHITA.

SECOND NOTICE

JEFFRY D. FRY AND DAVID THOMAS.

NEW MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS: KANZLER FRAZIER, WHO WAS SWORN IN ON JUNE 29; DAVID THOMAS, WHO WAS SWORN IN ON JULY 15; DANIEL DURR, WHO WAS SWORN IN ON JULY 17; CORY HART, WHO WAS SWORN IN ON JULY 18 AND KENNETH F. WALES, WHO WAS SWORN IN ON JULY 24, 2009.

MEETING NOTICE

ATTENTION ALL
MEMBERS

THE NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD
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Some sage health plan advice
**Many members
getting "fixed"**

by *Patric J. Abaravich,*
Business Representative - Secretary

After the sudden retirement of Universal Lot Steward John Trujillo, I would like to announce that Jim Fine will now be in that position. Jim has been a member for over 30 years and is a familiar face on the lot. I would also like to announce that John Kennedy, a nearly 30-year member and a Universal regular, will be the Alternate Steward. I feel the Local is well represented with these two on watch. If you're at Universal and you need some assistance, please feel free to talk to Jim or John.

During this slow time, many members have been going to get "fixed." A lot of knees, shoulders and hips are being worked on along with a plethora of other ailments. Some have gone off without a hitch, but unfortunately, some have not.

Quite a few "red flags" went up as members were waiting for approval. Although it took some time, most of the problems were overcome and the members are healing and getting ready for work.

If you know you are going to have some sort of procedure done, ask the doctor about your health plan and what is – and isn't – covered. If you are going under general anesthesia, check that the anesthesiologist is contracted with the Plans. If you are going to be staying overnight in the hospital, make sure your specialist assigns a network internist to make

daily rounds.

All of these little 'loose ends' add up and eventually end up in those annoying bills where we are left scratching our heads and asking, "What was that for?" This could be a financial nightmare if you're not prepared.

I'm speaking from very recent, personal experience, so when in doubt, call me.

Another thing that has come up is not qualifying for the health plan this last period. Some people have a bank they can pull out of and some were on disability. The set up with short term disability is you are granted a 6-month extension. There are some qualifiers but for most part, it is cut and dry.

Then there are people who didn't qualify and have no bank. For these members, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides greatly reduced COBRA payments. Again, there are qualifiers but we will try to help you wade through the paperwork.

One last thing, I have been setting up plans with local utility companies to help qualifying members, whose household income is below a certain benchmark, receive reduced utility rates.

If you or anyone you know is in any one of these situations, please call me or encourage them to call the office for assistance. I will do anything I can to help these members through these tough times.

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THE CLASS

*Local 728 is both pleased and extremely proud
Scholarship Awards. This year we are honoring
a \$4,000 university award or a
Congratulations to each of these*

Jacob S. Rollins



Jacob S. Rollins, the son of Steven and Katherine Rollins, graduated from Royal High School in Simi Valley. He is the recipient of a \$4,000 scholarship, and plans on studying engineering. Jacob had an impressive 4.0 GPA, and was a class valedictorian. Additionally, Jacob is a recipient of the AP Scholar Award, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, and was a leader on his football team serving as Captain and receiving the MVP award. He is also active in his community doing charitable work for the Amanda McPherson Foundation, Silverado Hospice and the Junior Olympics. Jacob was often selected to visit local elementary schools as an ambassador of Royal High School. Moreover, he plays three musical instruments.

Amanda M. Songstad



Amanda M. Songstad, the daughter of Gary and Marie Songstad, graduated from Burbank High School. She is the recipient of a \$4,000 award, and her major interest of study is psychology. Amanda's goal is to fulfill her pre-medicine requirements and hopes to one day become a neurologist. In high school, she was named a STAR student three times, was an active member of the California Scholarship Federation, and a member of the HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) and Best Buddies clubs. She ran Cross Country and Track, served as team captain, and won the Scholar Athlete Award in both sports. She is also a regular volunteer at the Burbank Center for the Retarded.

Clay R. Venetis



Clay R. Venetis, the son of Steve Venetis and Michele Panelli-Venetis, graduated from Thousand Oaks High School. He is the recipient of a \$4,000 scholarship and plans on studying political science. Clay was a member of the Speech/Debate Team serving as Co-President, and a member of Project Concern, Lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee clubs. Clay was ranked as one of the top Lacrosse Attackmen in the area, accumulated three 1st Team All League awards and was named MVP, and was a Scholar Athlete. His charitable work includes volunteering for One Voice packing and delivering food to lower income families, coaching Lacrosse for grade-school children and volunteered as a Photo/Journalist aide in the Galapagos Islands.

OF 2009



*to announce the winners of the 11th Annual
eight outstanding students who received either
\$1,000 general/book award.
exceptional children and their parents!*

Sean B. Diaz



Sean B. Diaz, the son of Dolores Alfredo Diaz Jr. and Nora Lisa Corona, graduated from Culver City High School. He is a recipient of a \$1,000 general scholarship and plans on studying media arts and animation at the Art Institute of Los Angeles. In his senior year of high school, Sean was also attending West Los Angeles College to further enhance his art skills. He was able to balance this ambitious schedule and maintain a high grade point average. Outside the classroom, Sean performed community service hours donating his time at The Nielsen Company doing various administrative tasks. Since 2006, he has worked part time during summer vacation at a local deli/store where Sean is considered a dedicated and tireless worker with a great deal of responsibility.

Michelle A. Arvanitis



Michelle A. Arvanitis, the daughter of Michael and Kay Arvanitis, graduated from Agoura High School. She won a \$4,000 scholarship and plans on studying business administration and culinary arts in college. Michelle held a GPA of 3.38 while maintaining a challenging academic schedule of college prep, Honors and Advanced Placement classes, and was honored for her achievements in 2005 winning the Mayor's Award. She was also a student leader in Link Crew, a mentoring program for incoming freshmen. Outside the classroom, Michelle is a talented singer and performs at talent shows, charity events and various community functions. She is also an accomplished drummer, and an active member of Rock Nation, where she stands out as one of their most accomplished performers.

Molly J. McIlvaine



Molly J. McIlvaine, the daughter of Paul and Susan McIlvaine, graduated from Torrance High School. She has been awarded a \$4,000 scholarship and will focus her studies on the film industry and acting. Molly received two nominations for Academic Achievement awards in English, and was nominated for the Achievement Award in Service to School. She was a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society, and served as the ASB Commissioner of Academics. She was a member of the Swim and Water Polo teams, and worked as a swim instructor and lifeguard at a local pool. Molly also served as VP of the Tartar Ladies, and was Junior VP and VP of Service League. She is also very involved with the YMCA, including the Youth and Government Program.

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The Green Flag has Dropped

by R. Bruce Prochal
Treasurer - Call Steward

“...And you’ll never hear surf music again...”
‘Third Stone from the Sun’ by Jimi Hendrix

Greetings to everybody and I hope you had a great 4th of July holiday. To make these articles more fun for me to write, I am experimenting with putting a lyric from a song at the front. It may not have anything to do with the article and from time to time it might, but who cares.

Let’s get to this month’s theme... The Green Flag Has Dropped.

It appears that my last article did not fall on deaf ears.

Using the Fourth of July as a starting point, many ACLTs and Rigging Gaffers have called me to report their crews. I congratulate all of you for this and it is my hope that many more of you will call.

The information that you provide may make more work for me but is necessary to do my job, and it’s also useful to our Business Representative, Patric Abaravich, if there is a problem on a show or if he wants to make a casual set visit.

I would also like to congratulate the individual members who have remembered to remove yourselves from “the books.” Calling me saves a lot of work and time.

As far as the future of work in this town, my personal opinion is that it looks good. Hollywood IS the center of this business.

A downfall is that many in-town shows are downsizing, meaning they may go on location two days out of 8, instead of five. Some shows may not go out at all. Productions are cutting the number of crew members and man days for day players.

Network television production has been the “bread and butter” for many of us who have been working in this business in Hollywood. I know because I have been there. I spent no less than 15 of my 30 years in the Local working on television shows and I am proud of it.

While many of our training classes are geared toward board programming. in my experience, a good knowledge of basic rigging is an excellent skill to acquire.

That’s it...I’ve got to go...RBP

3rd Quarter 2009 Suspended & Dropped Members*

SUSPENDED:

ACQUISTAPACE, CLINT W.
ADAMS, STEVE S.
ALONSO, GARY
ANDERSON, RONALD
BARTEL, II, EDWARD C.
BOYKIN JR., ARLESTER C.
BUCK, DANIEL G.
CASTRO, ERIC
CONATY, CHRIS
DE LA ROSA, JEFFREY
EUBANKS, JERRY
EVANS, MICHAEL D.
FOYE, WILLIAM OWEN
GEMBALA, JAMES
GRIFFITH, RUSSELL
HICKS, JOSHUA A.
HILL, JEFF M.
HOUSTON, JAY
HUGGARD, ROBERT V.
JEFFERSON, ANTHONY
JOHNSON, KARRON
JONES, TOBY R.
JORDAN, MICHAEL R.
KELLEY, KEVIN THOMAS
KING, JAMES
KINKEAD, NEIL

KLINE, RONALD
LaRUE, LaRUE S.
LEVIN, RONALD M.
MANTHEY, MARK
MC CUSKER, JAMES
MC DONALD, COLIN JAMES
MC KNIGHT, R. SCOTT
MOCEY-HANTON, EMILE
NELSON, ANDREW MARK
OHMIE, MIKE
OREFICE II, MICHAEL PAUL
ORSA, JEFFREY E.
PENROD, DUSTIN
PETRETTI, VINCENT JAMES
PHILLIPS, TOMMY
RALSTON, PATRICK G.
RAMOS, ROBERT J.
REDDISH, CHRIS H.
SANDOVAL, GARY
SCHULTZ, PERRY PAUL
SMOCK, RICHARD CARL
STANFORD JR., RICHARD
STEWART, JOHN JEFFERY
SWAB, WAYNE
TAYLOR, JOHN H.
TIMMER, BRAD D.

TYRELL, KEITH
WEILAND, PETE
WHEELAND, KENNETH
WHITMORE, DAN
WRENN, VINCENT
ZUCKER, JEFFREY A.

DROPPED:

COURTNEY, C.E.
GEAGAN, EMILY S.
HERSHKOWITZ, LEROY
JANICELLI, KEVIN
MORRIS, REGINALD
SCHMEHR, KENNETH L.
SCHWARTZ, DAVID I.
STANMAN, RYAN
STERN, THOMAS EVANS
WILLIS III, JOHN
YELLIN, DAVID

*List current as of
July 27, 2009

CALL STEWARD INFORMATION

Any Local 728 member representing the producer in filling calls or needing assistance, should contact the Local office during normal business hours. The Local’s normal operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you need to hire prior to 8:00 a.m., after 6:00 p.m. or over the weekend, please phone the Call Steward at 818-438-0728.

Members seeking weekend work should call the Steward at the Local on Friday to put your name on the Weekend Availability List.

Anyone who hires off roster or hires any member who is not current with their dues without first calling the Call Steward, shall have charges filed against them and shall be subject to the assessments levied by the Trial Board if found guilty.

Our present contract work week consists of any five (5) consecutive days out of seven (7) consecutive days.

DMX Network Reflection; It's a Matter of Perspective



*by Alan M. Rowe,
Safety & Training Director*

REFLECTION ISSUES IN THE DMX NETWORK

Reflection issues in a DMX network present an extremely difficult problem to troubleshoot if your system is not rigged properly.

Reflection is simply a corruption of the DMX data that will cause your lights and other DMX devices to act erratically. Reflection can be caused by a cable splice, bad connector or cable, bad DMX processor or any piece of DMX equipment that is or becomes faulty.

One of the most frustrating aspects of reflection issues is that they can happen at any time without warning. A rig could work perfectly for weeks until something happens that no one is aware of (like someone steps on a connector) which causes an issue in the system. DMX Cables that are subject to foot traffic and those which have pressure on the connectors are particularly susceptible to problems.

If you have laid out your control

network with opto-splitters in the right places, you will isolate the problem into one section and be able to fix it quickly. If you have no opto-splitters, your entire rig may act erratically and you would have to test and troubleshoot every piece of equipment in the DMX Chain. That means every console, dimmer rack, opto-splitter, cable and connector, and moving light would have to be tested and maybe you would find the problem.

Most productions won't give us the time for this level of repair once the company is shooting. The best thing to do is to rig the DMX Network properly which will avoid most common problems. A properly rigged DMX network is easy to troubleshoot and easy to fix.

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

While it is essential that we, as Set Lighting Technicians, keep current with new technology, it is imperative to remember that everything we do is to assist the Gaffer in lighting the set.

Everything between laying the first piece of cable through programming a media server is done so that the Gaffer can create the look of the shot. None of this is useful, however, if we can't perform basic rigging skills. If knots aren't tied properly, equipment can't move quickly or worse yet, the knot fails and something falls. If the distribution system is rigged improperly, we can't give the Gaffer the lights they need or worse, someone gets injured. If the soco cables are labeled wrong, then things will slow way down during production, putting a lot of pressure on the Gaffer. Poor rigging skills can lead to the Gaffer not being hired back and if your Gaffer doesn't get the job, you and the rest of your crew don't work. Everything relies on solid basic rigging skills so it is important to keep your skills sharp. And by the way, there is only ONE way to properly label soco cables and that is the way the Rigging Gaffer says to do it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alan M. Rowe'.

Safety & Training

Upcoming Classes

Classes are free to all members in Good Standing with Local 728

For location information and to sign up for classes, please contact the Training Office at 818-843-0012 or via email at safetyandtraining@iatse728.org.

To receive immediate notices of classes and seminars as they are scheduled, send an email to 728Training-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

August 8

Plotting, Visualization & Archive

August 12

Injury Prevention/Body Mechanics Seminar

August 15

Rigging for Wet Locations

August 22

LED Technician

August 23

Underwater Lighting

August 29

480V Power Systems (a.m. class)

Electricity 101B (p.m. class)

September 13

Advanced Underwater Lighting

September 26

Fixture Technician

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Wesley P. Gibson



Wesley P. Gibson, the son of Paul and Kimberly Gibson, graduated from Westlake High School. He won a \$4,000 scholarship and plans on studying photography at the college level this fall. Wesley's instructors have praised his artistic skills, creativity and classroom leadership abilities. He recently received the Portfolio Grant for the 2009 Summer Semester at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. In his community, Wesley has been very involved with the National Cervical Cancer Coalition donating his time on various coalition projects. He also worked for a financial consulting firm where he was a trusted member of the team.

Ivy Emmons



Ivy Emmons, the daughter of Bradley and Nora Emmons, graduated from West Ranch High School in Stevenson Ranch with a 4.0 GPA. She won a \$1,000 general scholarship from the Local and plans on studying advertising. Ivy was a member of the school's varsity soccer team for three years and received the Wildcat Award in her junior year. She's also played club soccer for the past 10 years and was recently the leading scorer for her team. Ivy has been a camp counselor at the Paseo Club, and late last year she participated in an Environmental Science Fair with a team at the College of the Canyons and came in first place. This summer, she is participating in an educational tour of Italy with her sister sponsored by CSU-Northridge.