

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Statement on the Loss of our Brother

We are all consumed with the sudden and overwhelming grief of the sudden and tragic loss of our brother Spike Osorio. There are no words to describe the emotions that we are all feeling at something that simply should not have happened. We are actively engaged with CalOSHA and their investigation to determine just how this tragedy occurred. When the report is released we will all know what caused us to endure this immense pain and sadness. Please refrain from idle speculation about how this happened because now is the time we need to mourn and respect the dignity of our brother who is gone and give peace to our sister who remains. We all want to lash out and rid ourselves of this agony but we must give each other grace so we can heal from this tragedy and honor Spike's legacy by doing everything we can to ensure it never happens again. We are all in this pain together and together we will all get through this pain. We will get through it for the love of our brother Spike and our sister Joanne.

In solidarity,

*Alan M. Rowe
Safety & Training Director
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728*

Many of the items in this Weekly Digest, such as the report by our Safety & Training Director, were written before the sad events of February 6. Please keep this in mind as you read this digest.

Read about Safety, accidents, and your rights in the aftermath of an accident at the link below:

[Safety, accidents, and your rights in the aftermath of an accident | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

Candlelight Vigil for Juan "Spike" Osorio

Join us as we honor and remember the life of our brother, Juan "Spike" Osorio.

Come light a candle and share stories as we honor our fallen Brother.

Date: Saturday, February 17th

Location: IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA | 91505

Time: 6PM

Join us
for a
**CANDLELIGHT
VIGIL
FOR
"SPIKE"**
to honor our fallen Brother



Come light a candle with your Union Kin and remember our Brother's smile, his dedication, his service, and his overall good nature that many of us saw during the time we spent with Spike. Together, we'll create a bit of healing for each other as we try to process losing our Brother.

LOCATION:
IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505

IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall-Hybrid

Join us for an upcoming Negotiations Town Hall to discuss surveys and CATs. This meeting is for members only.

- Saturday, February 10th
- Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506
- Time: 1:00PM

RSVP by 3:00PM February 9th with your Full Name and Union Card No. at the following:

In-person: community@iatse728.org

For Zoom: solidarity@iatse728.org



Launching New Basic Agreement Website

Check out the new website in preparation for the upcoming Basic Agreement Negotiations.

[IATSE 2024 Basic Agreement](#) | [Many Crafts, One Fight!](#)



2021 Local 728 Agreement

We have received the 2021 Local 728 Agreement. It is now available on the website. One major change is rate schedules for New Media/Streaming in the back of the book. We will be addressing the printing of the Agreement at the next Executive Board meeting and will have a motion for the membership to consider in March.

[Contracts, Negotiations, & Wages](#) | [IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



The CAT Team is coming for you!

WTF is a CAT you ask?

- A CAT is the structure through which we listen to, inform, and organize our members to help win the best contract possible.
- The CAT needs to support the work our bargaining team is doing at the negotiations table.
- The CAT provides two-way communications between Local 728 and our members.

If you're interested, come to our IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall meeting on February 10th at 1PM.



2024 Bargaining Update

436 proposals have been sent to the IATSE in an unprecedented show of representation. Now the various IA sub committees made up of elected officers and rank-and-file will be sifting and sorting in an effort to arrive at a proposal for bargaining set to begin in March.

Bargaining of the Agreement set for March 4th!

Additional details coming soon: IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall (2/10/24 at 1PM) and March Solidarity Rally (3/3/24 at 11AM).

2024
*Bargaining
Update*

Celebrate **Black History Month**

2024

Upcoming Events

DCS Cinema Lighting Expo at Local 80

The 2024 Digital Cinema Society's Expo will have demos and the latest gear you can get your hands on. DCS will also bestow the third "Dibie" Award given in memory of George Spiro Dibie.

- Saturday, February 10th
- Location: IATSE Local 80 Stage | 2520 West Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505
- Doors Open at 9:30AM

RSVP deadline 4:00PM, February 9th

[Register Now: DCS 2024 Cinema Lighting Expo - Saturday February 10th in Burbank, CA | Digital Cinema Society \(dcsonline.org\)](https://www.digitalcinemasociety.org/2024-expo)

NOTE: If you are planning on attending the IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall, the events take place concurrently.



Member Dessie Coale made a team for the LA Chinatown Firecracker run this year (one that many L728 did last year). She's doing the 5K but you can do any of these events with the team name she created – "IATSE Runners"

- Saturday, February 24th -Bike and Paw'er Dog Walk
- Sunday, February 25th-5K & 10K Runs/Walks, Kiddie Run
- Location Start/Finish Line: 943 N. Broadway| Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Time: Varies depending on event

A group of six runners, three men and three women, are posing for a photo outdoors. They are all wearing blue lanyards with race bibs. In the center of the group is a large, ornate yellow lion dance headpiece with a wide, toothy mouth and large eyes. The runners are arranged around the lion head, with some standing and some crouching. The background features a modern building with large windows and some trees. The text "LATSE RUNNERS" is overlaid at the bottom of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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MPI Updates

Anthem Blue Cross and UC Health

A new contract has been reached in principle. A 30-day extension to 4/1/24 has been granted while details are finalized.

The Motion Picture Industry Health Plan (MPIHP) is following contract negotiations between Anthem Blue Cross and UC Health closely. This negotiation involves the Active PPO, and non-Medicare plans only; it does not involve the Retiree Medicare Advantage plan. MPIHP is working closely with Anthem Blue Cross to ensure that MPIHP participants will continue to have access to high quality healthcare. As you are aware, most often negotiations like this come down to the deadline. This is a reminder that participants also have access to primary care through Facey Medical Group, St. John's Physicians Partners, and Providence Medical Institute with a \$5 co-pay and no co-insurance. These new groups can also make referrals to any MP3 specialist. Go to the MPI website to [find a provider](#). We will update when we have more information.



In Memoriam

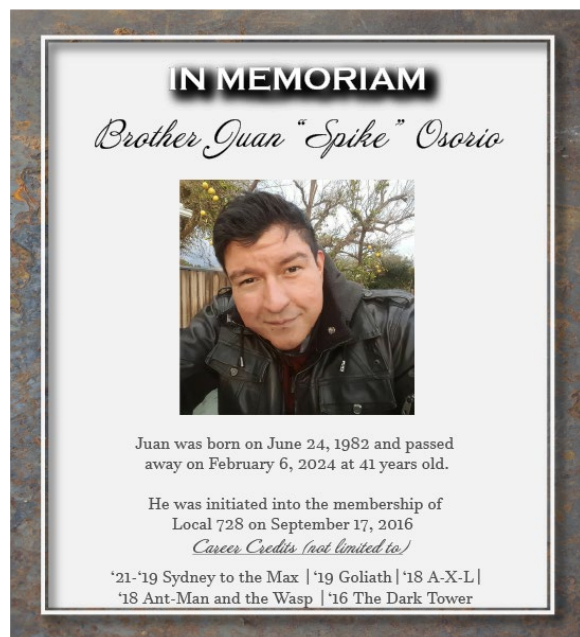
Brother Juan "Spike" Osorio

We are all mourning the loss of Brother, Juan Spike Osorio who passed away at the age of 41 on February 6, 2024.

A vigil will be held on February 17th at Local 80, details at the beginning of this digest.

[Notice of Passing: Juan "JC" "Spike" Osorio on 2-6-2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

[Fundraiser by Bill Martel : Juan "Spike" Wu Osorio \(gofundme.com\)](#)



Brother Herbert “Herby” Hughes

A 63-year member of Local 728, Brother Herbert passed away on January 26th.

Funeral Service will be held on February 13, 2024 at 9:00AM sharp at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills in the Courts of Remembrance, Columbarium of Morning Hope area.

Celebration of Life will immediately follow at the MPTF Campus, Saban Center in Woodland Hills, CA at 11:30AM

Complete Funeral & Celebration of Life Information:

[Notice of Passing: Herb Hughes on 1-26-24 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

