

Local 728



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Bargaining Negotiations Update

We continue to make progress on benefits and pensions and are talking through the working conditions when time permits. It's slow but steady. I will have an update at the General Membership Meeting.

There will be a Norma Rae screening Saturday at Local 80. Details further down.

ICYMI here's a bargaining update I posted on Tuesday to the "**2024 Hollywood Basic & Local Negotiations**" section on the website. Check it out!

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In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Reeves'.

Greg Reeves
Business Representative-Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Save the Date!

New Tradition Alert! IATSE Local 728 has marched in the MLK Parade for the last 12 years, and now we're adding the WeHo Pride Parade. Sunday, June 2nd at 12:30pm. Stay tuned for details!

L728 Google Users – Reporting Spam

It isn't impacting anything **yet**, but a few L728 Google users are reporting emails as spam. This is a reminder that marking emails as spam will affect the progress we have made to ensure the membership receives important information. If you don't want emails, please use the unsubscribe function found at the end of each email.



Hollywood Basic Local Negotiations Update: Local 44, 884 Reach Tentative Agreement with AMPTP Basic General Negotiations to Resume

This week marked the conclusion of negotiations between each of the 13 individual West Coast Studio Locals of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP). Affiliated Property Craftspersons Local 44 reached a tentative agreement with the employers on April 25 while Studio Teachers, IATSE Local 884, reached a tentative agreement with the employers on April 19.

Read the full article:

[Hollywood Basic Local Negotiations Update: Local 44, 884 Reach Tentative Agreements with AMPTP, Basic General Negotiations to Resume](#)

Updates and Announcements available on the Basic Agreement Website:

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

IATSE Local 134 -Work opportunities

Looking for work? Our kin at IATSE Local 134 Santa Clara may have some work opportunities. Please follow the link for details.

[IATSE Local 134 Help needed April-May 2024 \(google.com\)](#)



IATSE Local 768 -Pay Equity and Living Wage Petition

IATSE Costume Employees Demand Equal Pay and a Living Wage at Universal Studios! Most members make less than \$18 per hour, an amount classified as "very low income" by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Los Angeles County. Sign this petition today!

[Costume Employees Demand Equal Pay and a Living Wage at Universal Studios!
\(actionnetwork.org\)](https://actionnetwork.org)

Local 728 Online/Hybrid Membership Meeting RSVP

The Local 728 Membership Meeting is taking place as an Online/Hybrid Meeting. This meeting is for members only.

- Saturday, May 11th
- Location: Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506
- Time: 9AM
- **RSVP In-Person:** community@iatse728.org
- **RSVP Zoom:** solidarity@iatse728.org

RSVP by 3:00PM on 5/10/24 (include your full name and Union Card #)

Log-in required to view content:

[Membership Meeting Information | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



IATSE Local 728 Safety & Training Program -May

Please note: You need to be logged in to the website before you will be able to sign-up for the class.

<https://www.iatse728.org/members/lms>

IATSE LOCAL 728 SAFETY & TRAINING PROGRAM Upcoming Classes in May 2024		
https://www.iatse728.org/members/lms		
Rigging & Electrical Math (ETCP)	5/6/24	(as of April 25, 2024)
Rigging & Electrical Math (ETCP)	5/9/24	Now Open • No Lottery
Rigging & Electrical Math (ETCP)	5/9/24	Now Open • No Lottery
Industry Rescue Awareness	5/14/24	Now Open • No Lottery
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Vectorworks Spotlight	5/20/24 - 5/23/24	Opens 4/27/24 • Lottery 5/02/24
Ethernet Protocols 101	5/25/24	Opens 4/27/23 • Lottery 5/01/24
Ethernet Protocols Lab	5/26/24	Opens 4/27/24 • Lottery 5/01/24
Introduction to Luminex Networking	5/28/24	Opens 5/04/24 • Lottery 5/07/24
EOS Family Lighting Consoles	5/30/24 & 5/31/24	Opens 5/04/24 • Lottery 5/07/24

The CAT Team wants to keep you in the know, and have a direct line to up-to-the-minute, fact-based bargaining information!



Upcoming Events

Team DEO launching The Business Interruption Fund

Team DEO, home to the LA County Film Office, is launching the **Business Interruption Fund (BIF)** on Thursday, April 25th to help provide relief to small and micro businesses impacted by both the COVID-19 pandemic and the AMPTP-induced strikes.

Scan QR code or [visit here](#) to learn more.



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The Business Interruption Fund

is here to assist small businesses in the entertainment industry who were impacted by COVID-19 pandemic and the double Hollywood Strikes.

Program launches April 25, 2024.
Visit <https://grants.lacounty.gov/bif> or scan the QR code to be notified when the application window opens.



SCAN ME

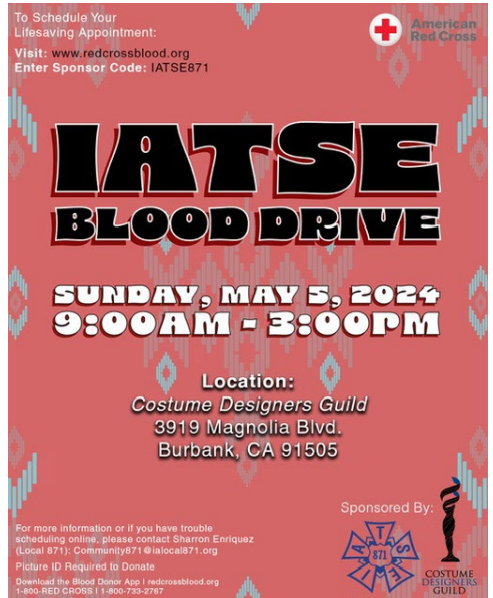
IATSE Blood Drive

Local 871 is gearing up for their Spring Blood Drive hosted at Local 892.

When: Sunday, May 5th **Time:** 9AM-3PM
Location: Costume Designers Guild | 3919 Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA

Additional information/schedule an appointment:
[Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross \(redcrossblood.org\)](#)

Contact Sharron Enriquez(Local 871) for more information or trouble scheduling online:
Community871@ialocal871.org






To Schedule Your Lifesaving Appointment:
Visit: www.redcrossblood.org
Enter Sponsor Code: IATSE871

IATSE BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Location:
Costume Designers Guild
3919 Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91505

Sponsored By:



For more information or if you have trouble scheduling online, please contact Sharron Enriquez (Local 871): Community871@ialocal871.org
Picture ID Required to Donate
Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-735-2187

Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive -Volunteers Needed

Please join the National Association of Letter Carriers' on Saturday, May 11th to STAMP OUT HUNGER.

Volunteers are needed at designated locations throughout LA County to help load trucks with donated food.

Additional information and volunteer sign-up:
[ANNUAL LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE — Labor Community Services \(lcs-la.org\)](#)



THE SPELLS HELP FOR LOTS OF FAMILIES THIS YEAR!

FOOD
LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY, MAY 11TH!

Labor Community Services needs you to **STAMP OUT HUNGER**

JOIN US STARTING AT 3:00 PM!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP LOAD TRUCKS WITH DONATED FOOD COLLECTED THROUGH OUR HISTORIC FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE. VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE WILL BE AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Sign up to volunteer at lcs-la.org/2024-stamp-out-hunger
For more info, contact Marcos Juan | marcos@lcs-la.org | (323) 620-3030



IA Solidarity Movie Night-Norma Rae

Come join our InterLocal Contract Action Teams (CATs) as we have a night of fun and camaraderie!

When: Saturday, May 11th

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

Doors Open: 5:30PM **Program:** 6:30PM

Screening: 7:00PM

RSVP: [Solidarity Movie Night RSVP — Norma Rae \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)



Cine Gear Expo LA 2024

Cine Gear Expo is the premier event for professionals engaged in the film and entertainment technology industry.

Taking place June 6th – 9th with exhibits June 7th – 8th at Warner Bros. Studios, Cine Gear features exhibits, new product and service introductions, complimentary seminars led by industry leaders, and ample opportunity to network with peers, all within a comfortable studio environment.

Attendee Registration is open. All attendees must complete the Cine Gear Badge online registration process.

<https://www.cinegearexpo.com/la-expo/registration/>

Registration is free until 11:59p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024.

Explore and compare the latest tools and services in entertainment technology. Get educated and inspired while gaining insight from old friends, new friends, and everything in between.

[LA Expo | Cine Gear Expo](#)



MPTF's Veterans Benefits Assistance Program

Did You Know?

- MPTF's Veterans Benefits Assistance program assists entertainment industry military veterans, surviving spouses, and industry members' parents who served in the military in securing disability, Aid & Attendance, and caregiver stipend benefits.
- Program staff walk clients through the claims process from beginning to end and act as liaisons with the Veterans Administration, thus eliminating confusing and frustrating paperwork burden and minimizing the need for clients to interact with the VA directly.
- A member does not have to be a combat veteran in order to qualify for benefits. In fact, MPTF has secured significant amounts of benefit funds for peacetime veterans and veterans who served during wartime but in non-combat roles.
- The program has secured over \$268K in retroactive monies for L728 members since they began tracking outcomes in 2015. This figure represents almost 30% of all retroactive monies secured on behalf of IA members.
- Interested clients should contact the **MPTF intake line at (323) 634-3866.**
[Veterans Benefits Assistance | MPTF](#)

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Mental Health Tools and Resources

Many of us are dealing with a lack of work for as long as a year in what may be a new normal. If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

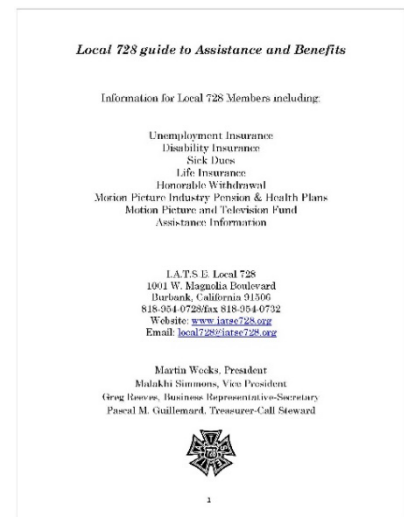
Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for Local 728 members, including:

- Unemployment Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Sick Dues
- Life Insurance
- Honorable Withdrawal
- MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans)
- Motion Picture & Television Fund
- Assistance Information

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[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



The Local 728 Food Pantry

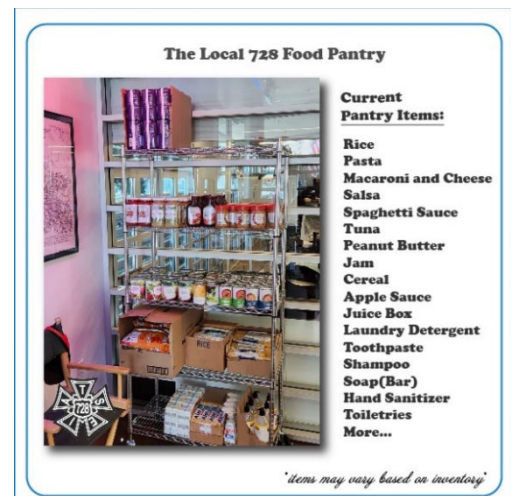
Many of your colleagues are still hurting from the slowdown in work. The Local 728 Food Pantry is still open.

Please review the union resource link and reach out to the Local.

[Union Financial Resources Guidev5.1.pdf \(iatse728.org\)](#)

Check the link below for upcoming Food Distributions through LCS:

[Events — Labor Community Services \(lcs-la.org\)](http://lcs-la.org)




In Memoriam

Brother Wiliam M. Silic

A 40-year member of Local 728, Brother Silic passed away on April 5th.

[Notice of Passing: Brother William M. Silic on 4/5/24 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

IN MEMORIAM
Brother William M. Silic



William joined Local 728 on February 23, 1974 and received his 40 year service pin on January 2014.


Passed away on April 5, 2024
He was years old 70 years old

Brother Ronald “Ron” Tickle

A 63-year member of Local 728, Brother Tickle passed away on March 4th.

[Notice of passing: Brother Ron Tickle age 84 on March 4, 2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

In Memoriam
Brother Ronald “Ron” Tickle



Ron joined Local 728 on November 13, 1961 and was awarded a Gold Card in 2000. He served Local 728 as Treasurer-Call-Steward for 15 years ('87-'02).

Passed away on March 4, 2024
He was 84 years old