

# Local 728

Weekly Digest

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

**Notice: General Membership Meeting this Saturday, May 11th!**  
**See below for RSVP Details!**

## **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.

ICYMI here's a bargaining update I posted last Tuesday to the “**2024 Hollywood Basic & Local Negotiations**” section on the website. Check it out! [Bargaining Update April 29, 2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

Updated Negotiations Benefits Video on the current state of our MPI Plans available on the website. **Log-in required to access video:**



In solidarity,

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

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative-Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

# MANY CRAFTS ONE FIGHT

#IASOLIDARITY

## **Negotiations Update: Talks Continue Between IATSE and the AMPTP Following A Week of Basic Agreement General Negotiations**

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) completed the first week of Basic Agreement General Negotiations on Friday.

Talks with employers on the Basic Agreement restarted on April 29 and are scheduled to remain ongoing through May 16.

### **Read the full article:**

[Negotiations Update: Talks Continue Between IATSE And the AMPTP Following A Week of Basic Agreement General Negotiations - IATSE](#)

### **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 \(google.com\)](#)

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes are now available for review on the website.

### **Log-in required to view content:**

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



**LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!**  
**WEAR YOUR L728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS AS A SIGN OF SOLIDARITY**



## Union Plus- Teleflora Discounts for Mother's Day

Through Sunday, May 12, union members can save 30% on gifts for mom (flowers, plants, chocolate-covered treats, and gift baskets).

[Discount Flowers & Gifts Online for Labor Union Members | Union Plus](#)

# Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th

## 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](mailto:community@iatse728.org)
- **RSVP Zoom:** [solidarity@iatse728.org](https://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		
<a href="https://www.iatse728.org/members/lms">https://www.iatse728.org/members/lms</a>		
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)	5/14/24	Now Open • No Lottery
Industry Rescue Awareness	5/14/24	Now Open • No Lottery
Vectorworks Spotlight	5/20/24 - 5/23/24	Now Open • No Lottery
Ethernet Protocols 101	5/25/24	Opens 4/27/24 • Lottery 5/02/24
Ethernet Protocols Lab	5/26/24	Opens 4/27/23 • Lottery 5/01/24
Introduction to Luminex Networking	5/28/24	Opens 4/27/24 • Lottery 5/01/24
EOS Family Lighting Consoles	5/30/24 & 5/31/24	Opens 5/04/24 • Lottery 5/07/24
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The CAT Team wants to keep you in the know, and have a direct line to up-to-the-minute, fact-based bargaining information!



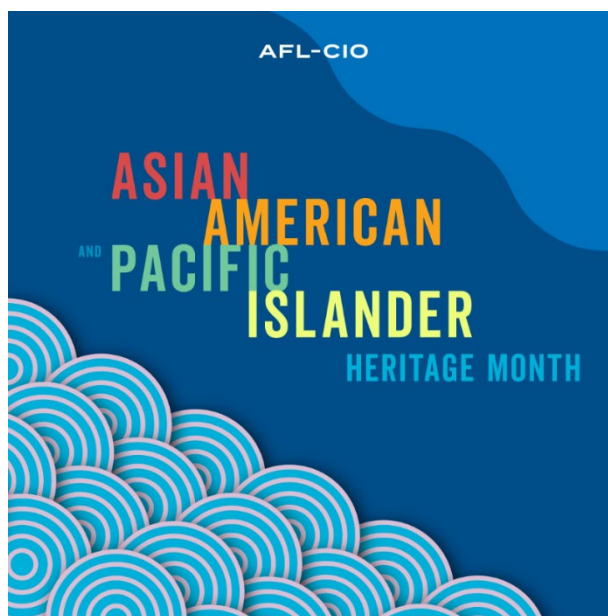
## Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

### *A Message from President Liz Shuler, AFL-CIO*

- The beginning of May marks the start of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, offering an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the significant contributions made by generations of AAPI workers to the U.S. labor movement. Despite facing centuries of racially discriminatory laws and continued exclusion from history textbooks, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a critical role in creating the workers' rights movement as we know it today.
- In the 1800s, as the sugar plantation era was beginning in Hawaii, modern labor struggle was also being forged. One of the islands' earliest recorded strikes was in 1841 when Native Hawaiian laborers walked off the job at a sugar cane plantation to protest inhumane working conditions.
- In the 1960s, Filipino American farmworkers in California organized strategic grape strikes and agitated alongside Latino agricultural laborers for higher wages and union representation.
- In 1982, Chinese immigrant women who worked in harsh conditions in New York City's Chinatown garment shops staged one of the neighborhood's largest protests to demand fair wages and better working conditions.
- And today, countless individual AAPI union members, as well as powerful organizations like the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), continue to carry the torch of this proud tradition of worker activism, boldly demanding racial justice and economic justice in our workplaces, courts and legislatures.
- The story of America's labor movement is a vibrant tapestry of so many identities, cultures and hopeful visions for the future. And threaded into that fabric are numerous stories of victories and sacrifices made by AAPI workers, adding to an ever-growing legacy of lasting, transformational change.

[Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Profiles | AFL-CIO \(aflcio.org\)](#)

History of AAPI Americans in the labor movement: [The Enduring Legacy of Asian American Pacific Islander Workers and Union Leaders | AFL-CIO \(aflcio.org\)](#)



# Upcoming Events

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

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

**When:** Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Griffith Post Office | 3370 Glendale Blvd | Los Angeles, CA 90039

**Time:** 3:00PM

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

### For More information/Sign Up:

Ron Garcia (818) 523-5101 | [rgarcia@iatse.net](mailto:rgarcia@iatse.net)

[ANNUAL LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE — Labor Community Services \(lcs-la.org\)](https://www.iatse.net/annual-letter-carriers-stamp-out-hunger-food-drive)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>

**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)

### 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!



**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



**Griffith Post Office  
3370 Glendale Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90039**

For More Information & To Sign Up  
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A colorful poster for 'IA Solidarity Movie Night NORMA RAE'. The background is yellow and red. It features the word 'UNION' at the top, a list of logos for various labor unions on the left, and text detailing the event: 'Organized by Inter-Local IA CATS', 'Best Norma Rae Costume Contest sponsored by MPC 703 &amp; CDG 892', 'Saturday May 11, 2024', 'IATSE Local 80, 2520 W Olive Ave, Burbank CA 91505', 'Doors Open: 5:30 pm', 'Program: 6:30 pm', 'Costume Contest &amp; Bonus Featurette: Local 700 NED Cathy Repola interviews the late editor of the film Sidney Levin, ACE.', 'Screening: 7:00 pm', 'Open to IA Members and family', and 'RSVP Here: https://tinyurl.com/May11NormaRae'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> with exhibits June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

[LA Expo | Cine Gear Expo](#)



## MPTF's Veterans Benefits Assistance Program

### Did You Know?

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- 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.
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[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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

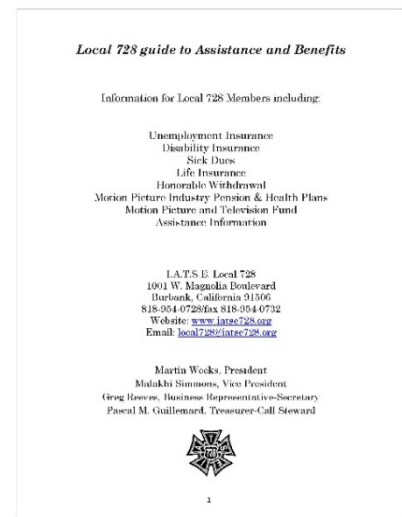
## Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

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

**Log-in required to view content:**

[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 \(lcs-la.org\)](#)

