

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Notice: Login on the IATSE Local 728 Website will be disabled from 12/10 - 12/17 for system upgrades.

Holiday Wellness

Please see this important message from our ally, Naomi Rodda, MSW, LCSW at MPTF

The holidays can be a challenging time for many people. Expectations and social conventions dictate that we have “a Happy (insert any one of many holidays between the end of November through January 1 here).” These messages can be particularly jarring if we are estranged from family, grieving a loss, dealing with a change in our health status, or experiencing financial hardship. However, we are blessed as IATSE, Teamsters and Basic Crafts members to have a chosen family of brothers, sisters, and kin who understand the unique ups and downs of the life we live.

Human beings are social creatures who crave connection, and I would argue that this is the case for even the toughest grip or most organized script supervisor who on the surface, “has it all together”. If you have the time and the capacity, I strongly encourage you to reach out to at least 2 of your brothers/sisters/kin this holiday season and ask a simple question: “How are you doing?” Even if you end up leaving a voicemail, or even if the answer is “I’m fine”, this simple act of

kindness (and sometimes courage) lets your brother or sister know you've been thinking about them and that you care enough to check on their well-being. This is one of the greatest gifts you can give, and it costs nothing except time.

I wish you all a meaningful and peaceful holiday season. ~Naomi

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Reeves", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

MyConnex Resources & Reporting Tool

By entertainment workers for every worker, the IATSE is proud to offer Local 728 members access to the MyConnex Reporting Tool & Resources.

MyConnex is an all-in-one online tool that gives members streamlined access to reporting, resources, and education.

Explore resources, learn your rights, and access reporting procedures to choose your next steps.

[IATSE Local 728 MyConnex Access](#)

This site is for IATSE members only. The password was emailed to you on December 3. For a new password, please call the hall or email community@iatse728.org

Read the statement at the following link:

[IATSE Joins Hollywood Commission's MyConnex Misconduct Reporting Platform - IATSE](#)



What is MyConnex?

The MyConnex Resources & Reporting Tool is an all-in-one online tool, resource center, and reporting system for entertainment industry workers.

Explore resources, learn your rights, and access reporting procedures to confront harassment, bullying, and other workplace abuse.



By entertainment workers, for every worker.



IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!
WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS



Assimilate Live FX – December Promo

Discount for Local 728 members from now until the end of the month of December. See details below for code and store link.

<https://store2.assimilateinc.com/product/live-fx/>

LOCAL 728

25% OFF

annual and permanent licenses

use coupon code: **LIGHTUP728!**



Live FX

Image-based lighting and more!

www.assimilateinc.com

IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Program

Information for the 2025 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is now available on the website.

The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 Office is **Friday, February 7, 2025.**

[Scholarship Programs | IATSE Local 728](#)

If you would like to contribute to the IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund to help educate future generations, you can mail or drop off a check at the Local 728 office. The fund is NOW a 501c3 and your donation is tax deductible.

55th Annual Scholarship Awards-Walsh/Di Tolla/Spivak Foundation

Applications for the Richard F. Walsh/Alfred W. Di Tolla/Harold P. Spivak Foundation 55th Annual Scholarship Awards are now available. Each winner of the TEN scholarships will receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds which will be paid out at \$2,500 per year directly to the recipient's educational institution over a four-year period. Counting the 2024 awards, the Foundation will have had 130 scholarship recipients to date.

To be considered for the scholarship, you must mail in a completed application form, along with the required documents that can be found here:

iatse.net/scholarship/.

The deadline for mailing your completed application is December 31, 2024.



Walsh / Di Tolla / Spivak
SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline: December 31st

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7th is the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Local 728 remembers the sacrifice of all the brave servicemembers who served fighting the forces of oppression.

We honor all our members who have served to protect our freedoms and our collective rights.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



December 7, 1941

MPTF-Live Telethon

MPTF's Fundraising Telethon is back to raise funds for crew members in need.

Thousands have been profoundly impacted by the industry contraction following the strikes, and MPTF's services are vital to meeting basic living needs for them and their families. Your support and contributions make these services possible.

Tune in Sunday, December 8th from 7PM-9PM on KTLA (Channel 5, Los Angeles).

[Live Telethon on KTLA | MPTF](#)



Save the Date: Operation Warm | Volunteers Needed

The IATSE West Coast locals have raised over \$35,000 to purchase coats and shoes for children in need in our community.

If you'd like to volunteer, use this link to sign-up: [Volunteer Sign Up!](#) Our union and our community is stronger together!

When: December 13th – “La Posada” – 23rd Annual Christmas Party for Children

Location: The Wellness Center 1200 N. State Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



Team up with IATSE West Coast by Operation Warm



IATSE Local 728 Hardship Fund

At our recent November Membership Meeting, changes to our new Local 728 Hardship Fund Loan program were announced. Now to qualify for an interest free loan of up to \$2,500.00, a member needs only to show that they have had \$9,000.00 or less in gross income from covered work in the industry in the past 90 days.

The loan is repayable within one year from the date issued. A member cannot have any other debt to the Local and may not be more than 2 quarters in arrears on their membership dues. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.iatse728.org/blog/local-728-hardship-fund>

If you have any questions about the program or your qualifications, please call me at the Local 818-954-0728.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Guillemard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pascal M. Guillemard
Treasurer-Call Steward
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Upcoming Events

IATSE Local 728-Retiree Holiday Luncheon

It's that time of year to join your fellow retirees at the holiday luncheon. This year the luncheon will be hosted at Lulu's, so don't miss out on a festive time. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, use the link below or call the Local at (818) 954-0728.

When: Wednesday, December 11th

Time: 12PM

Location: Lulu's | 16900 Roscoe Blvd | Van Nuys, CA 91406

RSVP: community@iatse728.org



LIGHTSCAPE OpenSource Christmas Party-Deck the Halls with Data

Come celebrate the season of giving, learning, and holiday cheer with Lightscape. Highlights: Rudolphs Sleigh Ride, Tree Lighting Competition, Santa, & More...

When: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 2PM – 5PM

Location: Lightscape | 2844 North Hollywood Way | Burbank, CA 91505

[Deck the Halls with Data: Holiday Party & Toy Drive – Lightscape Lighting & Equipment](#)

LIGHTSCAPE
LIGHTING & EQUIPMENT

Christmas PARTY

LIGHTSCAPE OpenSource
COMMUNITY LEARNING LAB
AND TECHNOLOGY HUB

“Deck the Halls with Data”

Spread LOVE and JOY This Christmas!

We welcome all to come and celebrate the season of giving with us!

**SANTA, MILK & COOKIES, TOY DRIVE,
RUDOLPHS SLEIGH RIDE, TREE LIGHTING COMPETITION**

**Tech Talk: Networking the Magic with
Elton James, Oliver Kompst & Mitch Ball**

SATURDAY 14 DEC AT 2-5 PM

SUNBELT RENTALS

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THE ORIGINAL HOLLYWOOD TREE COMPANY

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SWISSON

IATSE Local 728 Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Party

Come celebrate the holidays by donning your favorite ugly sweater! For additional details and to RSVP, please see below.

Thanks to our Signatory Shop VOLT and LIGHTSCAPE for sponsoring this event.

When: Saturday, December 21st

Time: 6PM – 10PM

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd. | Burbank, CA 91506

RSVP: jshugart@iatse728.org



Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Party

When: Saturday December 21st
Time: 6:00 - 10:00pm
Where: Local 728

Come celebrate the holidays by donning your favorite ugly sweater! Prize for the best dressed will be awarded.

White Elephant will begin at 7:30pm. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less.

Round table pizza as well as beer, wine, & hard seltzer will be served.

 **Pizza**
Sponsored by:

 **LIGHTSCAPE**
LIGHTING & EQUIPMENT

RSVP jshugart@iatse728.org

 **Coffee Bar**
Sponsored by:

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2nd Annual Lean In & Lean On Holiday Party and Toy Drive

The Hollywood Locals, Basic Crafts, and Teamsters will come together with Labor Community Services in support of our union sisters, brothers, and kin this holiday season.

When: Saturday, December 21st

Time: 1PM – 5PM

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

[Register Here for Party & Toy Giveaway](#)

For those who have the means, please consider a donation using the following link below:

<https://lcs-la.org/lean-in-and-lean-on>

Toy Drive

If you are able to contribute, you can drop off unwrapped, unused toys at the Local 728 toy bin located inside the hall or at participating Locals and studio facilities.

Toys will be distributed to families at the holiday party on Dec. 21st.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Lean In & Lean On Holiday Party. Various volunteer slots are available for the following days: 12/20, 12/21, 12/21 and 12/23. See QR Code below for sign-up.

ENTERTAINMENT UNION MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF HOLLYWOOD
IATSE LOCALS, BASIC CRAFTS, & TEAMSTERS 399
ARE INVITED TO:

2ND ANNUAL LEAN IN AND LEAN ON

HOLIDAY PARTY



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

BOUNCE HOUSE, PHOTOS WITH SANTA, PETTING ZOO,
HOLIDAY CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, TOY GIVEAWAY,
FOOD DISTRIBUTION, FOOD STANDS

WHERE:

LOCAL 80

2520 W. OLIVE AVE., BURBANK, CA 91505

WHEN:

DECEMBER 21, 2024

TIME:

1PM - 5PM

SCAN



TO RSVP

Brought To You By:



2ND ANNUAL LEAN IN AND LEAN ON

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Hollywood studio IATSE locals, Teamsters, and Basic Crafts are once again partnering with Labor Community Services to provide families with a holiday party and holiday gifts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGN UP HERE:



Brought To You By:



2ND ANNUAL LEAN IN AND LEAN ON HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Hollywood studio IATSE locals, Teamsters, and Basic Crafts are once again partnering with Labor Community Services to provide families with a holiday party and holiday gifts.

Collection boxes will be set up at participating locals and studio facilities please donate **NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS**. You can also scan the QR Code below to make a monetary donation for the purchase of new toys. If you can **PLEASE** give and help the families in our community this holiday season!

**GIFTS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO
FAMILIES AT THE
HOLIDAY PARTY
ON DECEMBER
21, 2024.**

SCAN HERE



TO MAKE A DONATION



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Union Resources

Mental Health for Members

MPTF has identified a therapy practice that is in-network for MPI Active Plan and Retiree Plan participants. This practice has over 300 credentialed providers, has cultural competence in serving entertainment industry members, and has much greater availability than UCLA Behavioral Health Associates and many other providers listed on the MPI “Live and Work Well” portal. Members can reach out directly via <https://silverlakepsychology.com/>. However, MPTF is happy to facilitate this referral as well, as we assess mental health upon every contact.

Entertainment Community Fund-Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment

From November 1, 2024, to January 31, 2025, the Affordable Care Act will be in open enrollment period and the Entertainment Community Fund can help.

[Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment 2024-2025 | Entertainment Community Fund](#)

MPTF/ECF Insurance Services

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions (EHISCA)

As was reported at the last General Membership Meeting, MPI is eliminating Premium-Free COBRA for members to help keep the Plans in their current healthy status. This was done in light of projected work hours being lower than normal for the foreseeable future. If you are in danger of losing your MPI insurance, reach out to MPTF for their assistance in finding Health Insurance through the California Marketplace at <https://ehisca.com>



Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions

Mental Health Tools and Resources

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 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

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

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including:

- Unemployment/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 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

IATSE PAC

TAG's Post-It Note Show fundraiser for the IATSE PAC

IATSE Local 839 TAG The Animation Guild is accepting artwork for the 2024 Post-It Note Show, Auction and Holiday Party. This is the 6th year they have done it, raising thousands for the IATSE PAC!

While it's TAG's fundraiser, it's open to any IATSE member to participate in submitting Post-It Note artwork!

Here is the sign-up link for members and more information: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Post-It-SignUp>

And please Save the Date for Dec. 7. TAG will be hosting an in-person show and holiday party in Gallery 839 - TAG's art gallery.



IATSE PAC

The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)

