

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

The **SUPER SOFT LAUNCH** of the website continues.
If you notice a bug, or other issue, here's where to send it:

<https://forms.gle/EapfTnGAARSDRcKk8>

Understand the contract - "Tech. Rate"

Hot Take:

The producer can hire as many members under the Special Lighting Technician (Special Operator/Tech) rate as they want. Any UPM who tells you otherwise is at best uniformed, at worse...lying.

Why it matters:

The Basic Agreement Article 5: Better Conditions allows both the producer and the membership to get more. More money, more rates, more anything in the deal memo and work agreements. In addition, the new contract lays out the "first-of-its-kind" Lighting Control (a.k.a.: "tech") rate under Footnote 8 to the Special Lighting Technician classification. Here's the new language for the Lighting Control (Tech) rate.

"(8) for technicians engaged in lighting control network installation and troubleshooting. It is understood that no more than one employee on the 'off production' crew and one employee on the 'on production' crew shall be entitled to payment under (8) in the preceding sentence."

The issue is that some unit managers are misinterpreting this to mean "no more than one" without reading the "shall be entitled" and hiring only one on each of

our crews. But "entitled" doesn't mean "hired". It means the producer doesn't have to pay for more than one. But they can. And they do.

Takeaway:

If your show is facing this problem, please reach out. We can help.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Keep California Rolling

[Sign and share our pledge](#) to get targeted action items and updates to get involved or go to <https://keepcaliforniarolling.org/>



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

The Unions and Guilds in the Entertainment Union Coalition stand with Governor Newsom's inclusion of an expanded \$750 million annual California Film & Television Jobs Program in the 2025-2026 budget.

Unlike other economic incentives, this program is directly tied to the creation of jobs for California workers, strengthens the economic future of California, and supports a healthy and viable motion picture industry by creating jobs where workers live.

JOIN US TO PROTECT AND CREATE JOBS & SAVE OUR INDUSTRY.



- GET INVOLVED
- SHARE YOUR STORY
- TAKE ACTION



www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org



March Madness

March Madness discounts for IATSE Local 728 members now available.

Additional information can be found at the following link:

<https://TRAINING728.ORG/MARCHMADNESS2025>

Local 728 March Madness 2025

New Vendors Added!!!

<https://training728.org/MarchMadness2025>

Chalk Cine Ctrl

Assimilate

YaegerPRO

Cush Light

Swisson/DADCO

IATSE Local 80 Donation Center Open to ALL Members

The IATSE Local 80 donation center will be OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS to stop by and pick-up any necessary items for you and your family for FREE.

After two months of operating as a center to support those affected by the recent wildfires, this operation is now open to ALL members prior to closing its doors after Saturday, March 15th. No RSVP needed.

Motion Picture & Television Fund and First Entertainment will be onsite throughout the week offering additional assistance to members in need.

When: Monday, March 10th – Saturday, March 15th

Time: 9AM – 4PM (Daily)

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



IATSE & TEAMSTERS
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
GIVEAWAY
Sponsored by:
Motion Picture & Television Fund
ALL NEXT WEEK!
IATSE LOCAL 80
2520 W OLIVE AVE SUITE 200, BURBANK, CA 91505
Monday, March 10th - Saturday, March 15th
OPEN DAILY FROM 9AM - 4PM

ALL HOLLYWOOD UNION & GUILD MEMBERS WELCOME

Free Items for pick-up include:

- Baby Products
- Cleaning Supplies
- Bedding
- Pet Supplies
- Toiletries
- Office Supplies
- Children Items
- & More

MPTF & FIRST ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE ON-SITE TO OFFER FURTHER ASSISTANCE.



Heartbeat of Hollywood – June 2nd

The 47th Annual Heartbeat of Hollywood Gold Classic will be held on June 2, 2025 at Moorpark Country Club and Las Posas Country Club.

Awards Reception will follow at MPTF's Wasserman Campus in Woodland Hills.

The membership approved an Eagle sponsorship, and IATSE Local 728 will be fielding two teams for the upcoming Heartbeat of Hollywood. If you're a golfer and you'd like to be in one of those foursomes, ***sign up at the volunteer database on the website or call the Hall for assistance.***

Step by Step Sign Up Instructions: [Click Here](#)

Login>Account>Edit>Volunteer Opportunities>Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf



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Caring is Infinite



HEARTBEAT OF HOLLYWOOD
MPTF IOO

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

**Heartbeat of Hollywood
Golf Classic**

Presented by
NKSFB
LLC



Moorpark Country Club



Las Posas Country Club

Rosie the Riveter Interlocal Mixer

Join Local 705's Contract Action Team and Political Action Team (CAT & PAT) for a mixer to Keep California Rolling and to celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day.

Themed music, food/drinks, activities, information, and good fun.

When: Friday, March 21

Time: 5PM-8PM

Location: Motion Picture Costumers (IATSE Local 705) | 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd | Valley Village, CA 91607

RSVP & to sign up to bring food/drink bit.ly/705RTR2025

National Rosie the Riveter Day
Motion Picture Costumers
invites you to a
**Rosie the Riveter
Interlocal Mixer!**

Hosted by the MPC 705 Costumer Action Team (CAT)
& Political Action Team (PAT)

Friday,
March 21, 2025
5pm- 8pm

MPC Local 705 Member Hall
5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd
Valley Village, CA 91607

Wear your best Rosie-inspired looks and/or
Victory Rolls to Keep CA Rolling and
support the film tax incentive initiative!

Music, themed crafts, and grassroots rank-and-file
membership-driven fun for all.

Light themed food/drinks donated by committee
members, but any spare rations would be greatly
appreciated.

RSVP to help us with headcount & to sign up
to bring food/drink! bit.ly/705RTR2025

KEEP CALIFORNIA REBELLING

MPC 705 PAT will be providing
voter information, how to
locate your federal/state/local
representatives, IA-supported
initiatives, and more.

Electricity 101 – March 29th

There is space available for Electricity 101 class. No lottery, No prerequisites, Sign ups are now open!

To sign up or for additional details, see below!

Sign up: <https://www.iatse728.org/electricity101-032925>

Or

<https://www.iatse728.org/electricity101-032925>

We have

Space Available

ELECTRICITY 101

MARCH 29, 2025

<https://iatse728.org/electricity101-032925>

- or -

<https://training728.org/electricity101-032925>

NO LOTTERY, NO PREREQUISITES, SIGN UPS ARE NOW OPEN

If you want to understand how our gear works and be a creative problem solver, this class is where it begins. Knowing how electricity behaves makes you a more valuable member of your crew and sets you up for more opportunities to advance your career.

This class covers topics that are listed on the Body of Knowledge for the ETCP Electrical Certifications.



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



IATSE Local 892 - Eddie Marks Costume Scholarship

This scholarship is available to all IATSE members in good standing, Teamsters Local 399, and LIUNA Local 724 for their children/dependents wishing to study costuming and entering a certified institution of higher education in 2025.

The submission deadline is May 31, 2025.

For complete information regarding this scholarship please refer to the application, criteria and requirements at:

<https://www.costumedesignersguild.com/eddiemarks-scholarship/>



Women's History Month

Moving Forward Together!

Women Educating & Inspiring Generations



LDI 2025 Call for Speakers Now Open!

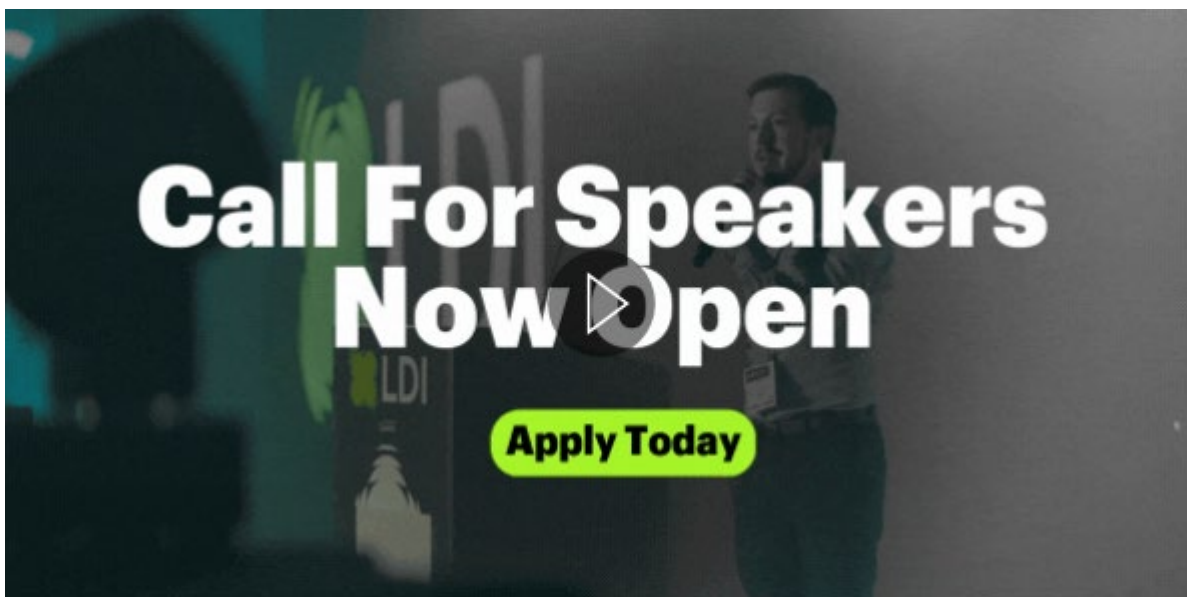
LDI is the premiere lighting event that showcases new technologies in our craft. As knowledge leaders, we are seen as both the end users and the product innovators. Please consider applying to speak or training today!



Conference: Dec. 3-9, 2025

Expo: Dec 7-9, 2025

Las Vegas Convention Center - West Hall



We'd love to have you speak at LDI 2025!

Are you a designer, programmer, technician, rigger, electrician, technical director, or other entertainment design/technology industry expert? Or are you a manufacturer, distributor, inventor, or R&D guru? [Apply to speak at LDI today!](#)

All speakers receive an LDI 2025 LDInnovation Conference badge as compensation (\$800 value) and a speaker gift.

Event Dates:

December 3-9, 2025

Deadlines:

Training Submissions due by March 24, 2025

Speaking Submissions due by April 24, 2025

[Apply to Speak Now](#)

Upcoming Events

MPTF Webinar- Building Financial Literacy & Longevity: Retirement Planning for MPI Pension Plan Participants

Join MPTF and financial advisors from leading wealth management firms for an important discussion about financial literacy and longevity in retirement for participants in the MPI Pension Plan.

When: Friday, March 14th

Time: 5:30-6:30PM PT

Location: via Zoom

Register: [Here](#)

Please RSVP by March 13th



Save the Date: IATSE Pride's Committee's Webinar

Save the date for a webinar on Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00PM PT. This is open to both LGBTQ+ people and allies, as well as members, permits, friends and family.

When: Sunday, March 23rd

Time: 2PM PT

Location: via Zoom

Register in advance: [Click Here](#)



The poster features a pink and purple gradient background with gold confetti. The text is in a light blue, bubbly font. At the center is the IATSE logo, a rainbow-colored Maltese cross with a shield in the center containing the letters 'IA'. Below the logo, the date and time are listed in a bold, white font with a black outline.

Save the Date
and join us for the
IATSE Pride Committee's
Quarterly-ish Webinar

Sunday, March 23rd
5:00P.M. ET
more details to follow

Union Resources

Disaster Assistance and Emergency Resources

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

The IATSE and the Locals of the West Coast have combined resources into this link that will be updated regularly.

<https://iatse.net/socal-fires/>

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

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](#)

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

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

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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](#)



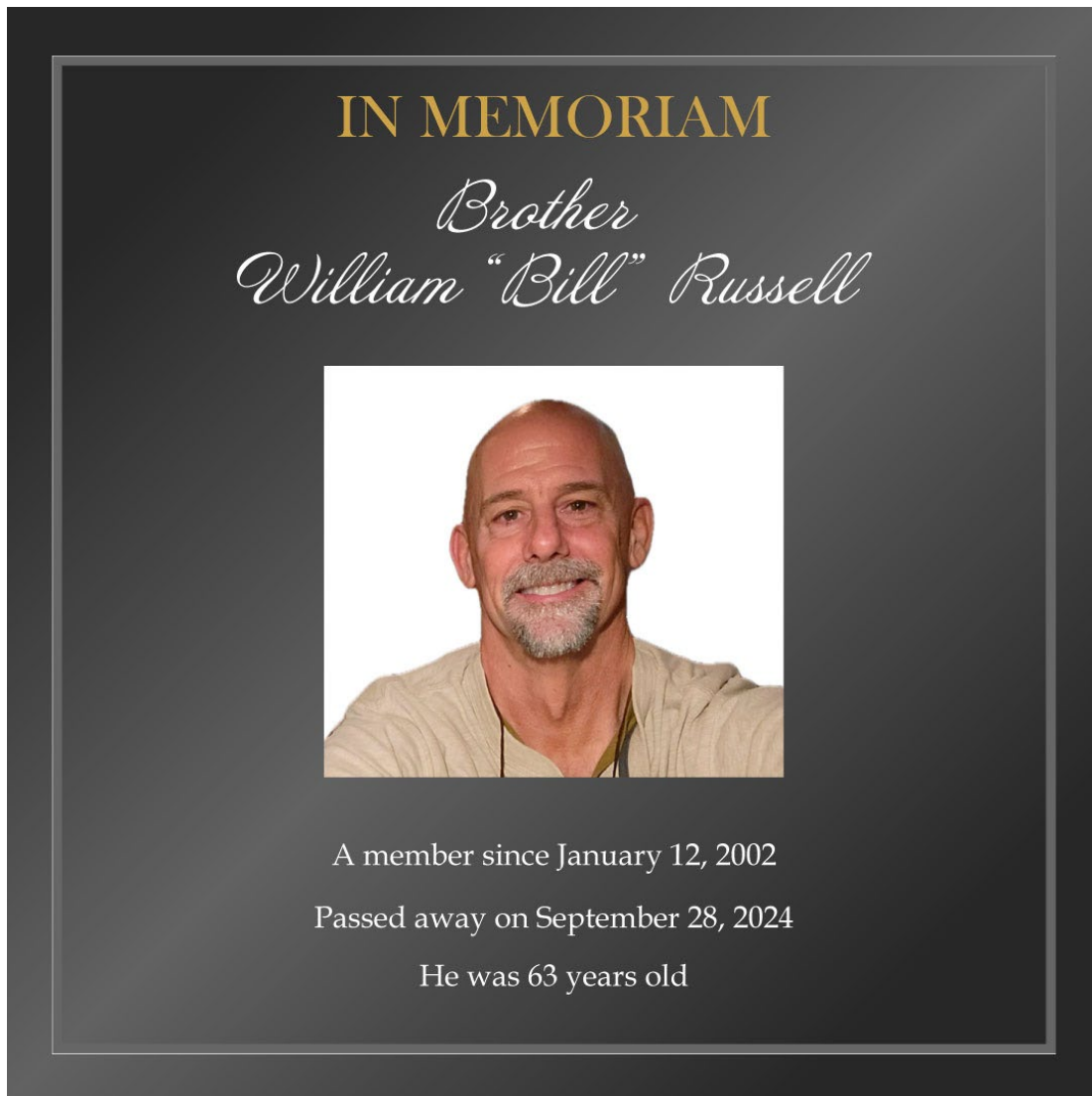
In Memoriam

Celebration of Life for Brother William “Bill” Russell

A 22-year member, Brother Russell passed away on September 28, 2024.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, March 15th at 1PM in West Hills, CA. Information can be found at the following link:

[Celebration of Life: Brother Russell](#)



Brother Robert C. Horton

A 65-year member, Brother Horton passed away on March 1, 2025.

Services will be held in Sacramento, CA and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 22nd.

Information can be found at the following link:

[Notice of passing: Brother Horton](#)

