

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*

### **Why do I need to report my show?**

There are a variety of reasons that reporting your show is a necessary part of the ACLT's job classification. Not only is it an obligation of our Constitution and By Laws, but it also informs the officers of the work happening in town should there be a safety or contract issue.

If you're working nonunion, let us know! Not because it's wrong, because it could lead to a project flipping to union and guaranteeing you pension and health benefits during this historic slowdown.

Here's the links:

<https://www.iatse728.org/new-show-report> lives on your Dashboard behind the password wall.

<https://www.iatse728.org/report-new-show/organizing-your-non-union-show> for Organizing and is NOT password protected.

Help us help you and report your show today!

In solidarity,

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

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



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



**Keep California Rolling: Support for Bills AB1138 and SB630**

Take a moment to write a letter today (letter included in the link which you can personalize), click on the [Action Network link](#) and help us spread the word!



**Join the fight to save film & television jobs in CA!**

[www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org](http://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org)

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



- GET INVOLVED
- SHARE YOUR STORY
- TAKE ACTION



**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.**

[www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org](http://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org)



SECOND QTR 2025 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website.

Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at [www.iatse728.org](http://www.iatse728.org)

Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1





## Good Friday Holiday

This is a holiday under most of the agreements except for the Commercial and Pay TV Agreements.

The Local 728 office will be closed on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.



## Union-Made Shopping Guide

If you're looking to shop and buy Union this Easter, Labor411 has an exclusive list to guide you. You can find that list at the link below:

[Union Made Shopping Guide](#)

A graphic titled "Union-Made Easter Shopping Guide" with an "EGG HUNT" sign. It lists brands for Candy, Eggs, and Dinner. At the bottom, it says "Be an Ethical Consumer BUY UNION Labor 411".

**Union-Made Easter Shopping Guide**

**Candy**

- Peeps
- Cabury
- Jelly Belly
- Tootsie Pops
- Mike and Ike
- Ghirardelli
- Hershey Kisses

**Eggs**

- Alta Dena
- Eco
- Clover Sonoma

**Dinner**

- Boar's Head
- Appleton Farms
- Tyson
- Foster Farms
- Hormel
- Kunzler Brand
- Del Monte
- Dole
- Kraft
- Ore-Ida

Be an Ethical Consumer  
**BUY UNION**  
Labor 411



# Upcoming Events

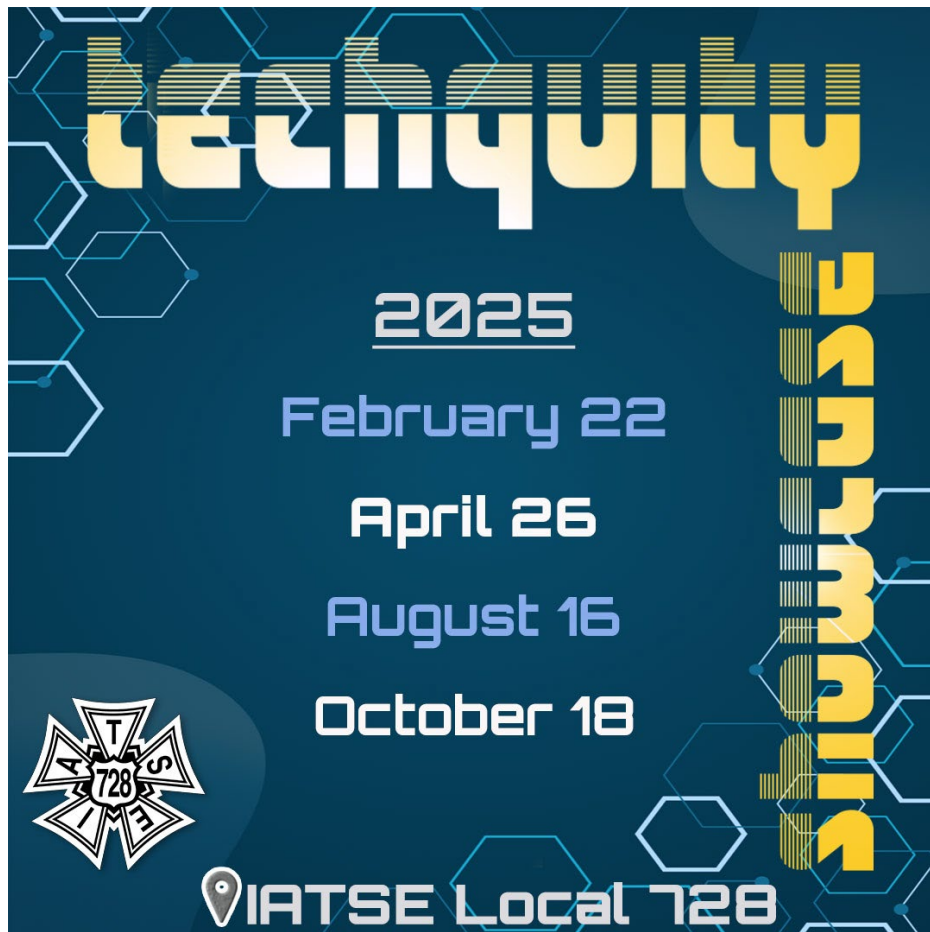
## **Techquity Showcase #2 –April 26**

Come out for a mini Cine Gear Product demo! Anton Bauer, Instagrid, Aputure, BB&S, Jagotech, Inner Circle, AC Lighting, Sylmar Studios and more to be announced.

Event sponsored by [Inner Circle](#) and [Instagrid](#).

**When:** Saturday, April 26 | 10AM- 2PM

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



## **IATSE Blood Drive**

IATSE Local 871 and Costume Designers Guild are proud to host a blood drive on Sunday, May 4th.

**When:** Sunday, May 4


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

**Appointments:** <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

**Sponsor Code:** IATSE871

**Contact:** Sharron Enriquez (IATSE Local 871) [community871@ialocal871.org](mailto:community871@ialocal871.org) for more information or trouble scheduling an appointment.

To schedule your lifesaving appointment:  
Visit: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor Code: IATSE871





# IATSE BLOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025**

**COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD  
3919 W 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](mailto:Community871@ialocal871.org)  
Picture ID Required to Donate  
Download the Blood Donor App | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD

## **IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting**

Save the date for Local 728's Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 10th. RSVP details coming soon!

**When:** Saturday, May 10

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

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MAY 10, 2025**



*Details on the website or the  
Weekly Digest coming soon!*

**9AM**

**IATSE Local 728  
Membership Hall or Zoom**

# *Union Resources*

## **Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions- EHISCA**

While we at the Local are hopeful that 2025 will bring an uptick in work for the members of the Local we are aware that this uptick might not be enough for all members to be able to maintain their MPI health insurance.

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

<https://ehisca.com>

## **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 \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

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

# *IATSE PAC*

## **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](#)





# *In Memoriam*

## **Brother Ralph W. Stiers**

A 46-year member of Local 728, Brother Stiers passed away on March 27, 2025.

[Notice of passing: Brother Ralph Stiers](#)



**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/EaprTnGAARSDRcKk8>