

EARLY EDITION

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

## **IATSE Local 728 Hybrid Membership Meeting Information**

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting is taking place as a Hybrid meeting. This meeting is for members only.

**When:** Saturday, May 10

**Time:** 9AM

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

**In-person RSVP:** [community@iatse728.org](mailto:community@iatse728.org)

**Zoom RSVP:** [solidarity@iatse728.org](mailto:solidarity@iatse728.org)

**RSVP by 3:00PM Friday May 9th** (include your Full Name and Union Card #)

Additional information about RSVP, Rules for Online/Hybrid Meetings, Meeting Packet and Reports can be found at the following link (additional information will become available Friday, May 9th after RSVPs have closed).

**Log-in for access:**

[Membership Meeting Information](#)



**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



# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 10, 2025



Details on the website &  
the Weekly Digest!

9AM

IATSE Local 728  
Membership Hall or Zoom



On April 24th, we remember the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide,  
and we raise awareness to never forget and to prevent future atrocities.

**Remembrance Day of the Armenian Genocide**

#neveragain



*May is Mental Health Awareness Month*



## **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](https://keepcaliforniarolling.org/) 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](https://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org)





**IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!**

**WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS**



## **Save the Date: International Workers Day**

Join the IATSE Thursday, May 1st, 2025 at 9AM in DTLA for a Massive Mobilization on International May Day!

**When:** Thursday, May 1st

**Time:** Between 8AM and 8:30AM

**Location:** Olympic and N. Figueroa and Chuck Hearn St. (11th St.), in front of the Kobe statue, at Crypto Stadium

**Dress:** Union Swag

For **Logistics** information, click [here](#) (**log-in for access**)

Once our group has assembled, we will walk over to the starting point of the event. Please wear your Local swag!



### **Safety Advisor Training – Contract Services**

Contract Services and the Industry-Wide Safety Committee is launching a pilot program for a new (non-union) industry career path called “Safety Advisor,” a position which will oversee the safety of all departments on set, from construction to medics to operations and everyone on set. This position is mandated by state law for any film or TV production receiving a tax incentive.

For those interested in exploring other work opportunities within the industry, please visit:

[Safety Advisor Training](#)



# Upcoming Events

## **IATSE Blood Drive**

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

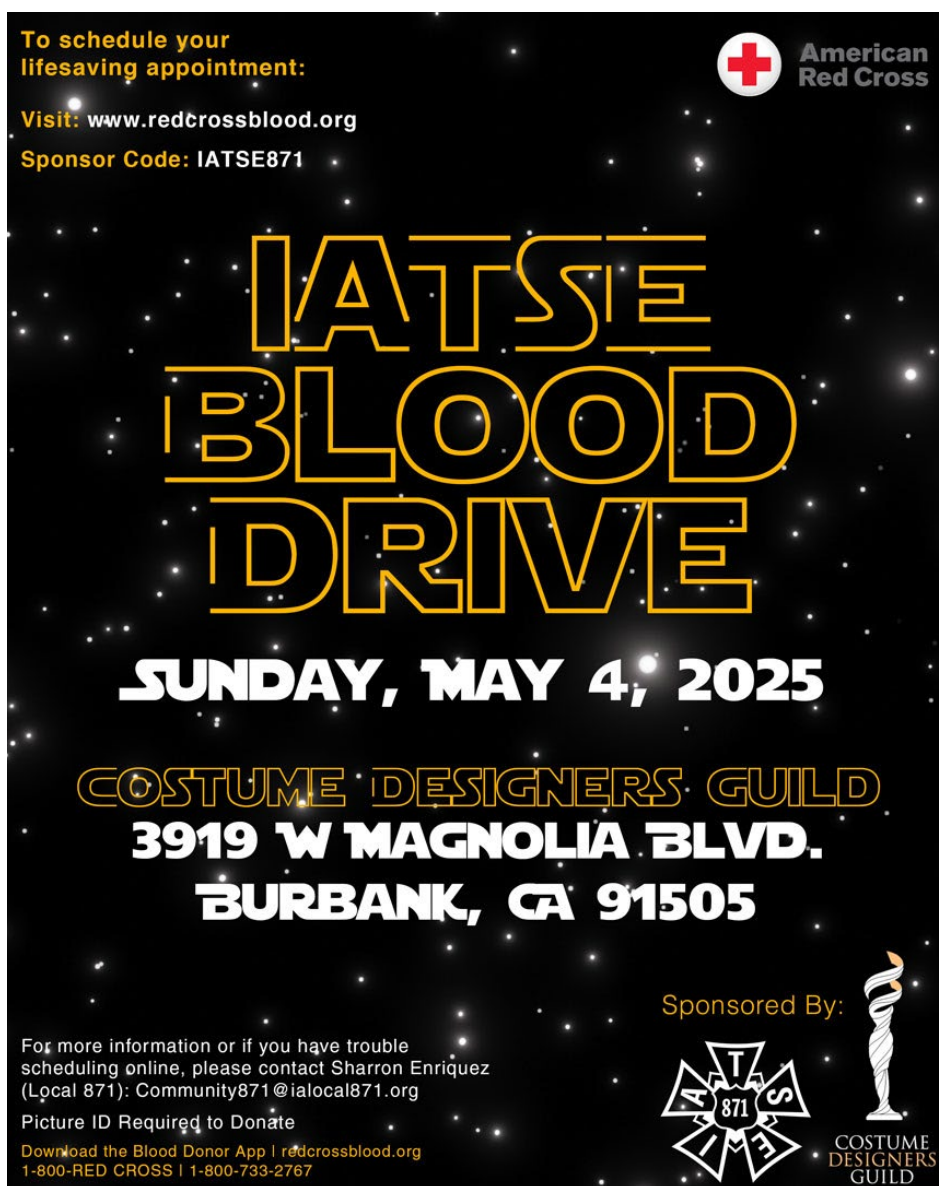
**When:** Sunday, May 4

**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.

A vertical poster for the IATSE Blood Drive. The background is black with white stars. At the top left, text in yellow and white provides scheduling information. At the top right is the American Red Cross logo. The center features the event title in large, outlined yellow letters. Below that is the date in white. The location is listed in yellow and white. At the bottom left, contact information is provided. At the bottom right, logos for IATSE Local 871 and the Costume Designers Guild are shown, along with the text 'Sponsored By:'.

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



**IATSE BLOOD DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025**

**COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD**  
**3919 W MAGNOLIA BLVD.**  
**BURBANK, CA 91505**

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](https://www.redcrossblood.org)  
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Sponsored By:

   
COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD



## **Save the Date! Stamp Out Hunger Letter Carriers' Food Drive**

Labor Community Services needs our help. Join the IATSE at the Griffith Park Post Office, same location as last year, to sort and move food collected by the US Postal Service.

**When:** Saturday, May 10th

**Time:** 3PM

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



## **Heartbeat of Hollywood – June 2nd**

The 47th Annual Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf 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, CA.

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 using the link below or call the Hall for assistance. If you registered before using the volunteer database, please use the new link and register.***

**The deadline to sign-up for the drawing is Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*New Registration Link for this Event\***

**When:** Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Location:** Wasserman Campus

**You must be logged in to register, use the link below:**

[Register for Heartbeat of Hollywood Here](#)

# MPTF | IOO

*Caring is Infinite*



MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

## Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Classic

Presented by

NKSFB  
LLC



Moorpark Country Club



Las Posas Country Club

## **CineGear EXPO LA**

Registration for Cine Gear Expo LA is now open! Don't miss the early-bird registration now through April 30.

**When:** Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Location:** Universal Studios Lot | 3900 Lankershim Blvd., Universal City, CA 91608

Check the [Venue Parking and Map](#) section for attendee and Rideshare Drop-Off Information.

**Registration:** [Register Here for LA EXPO](#)



# CINE GEAR EXPO LA

**JUNE 6 - 7, 2025**

**UNIVERSAL STUDIOS LOT**

CineGearExpo.com



# *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

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#) *(log-in for access)*

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](#)

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

## **First Entertainment Credit Union Promotion**

You can receive up to \$500 by joining First Entertainment Credit Union. Details below.

[First Entertainment Promotion](#)

## **PROMOTIONS: RECEIVE UP TO \$500 BY JOINING FIRST ENTERTAINMENT CREDIT UNION**

- Obtain **\$400** by opening a Value Checking account with a direct deposit of at least \$1,000 per month within the first 90 days
- Receive another **\$100** when you open a First Entertainment Credit Card and spend \$500 within the first 90 days



**ACT NOW!**

Get **\$500<sup>1</sup>**  
When You Join  
First Entertainment.

Scan the QR code  
to get started!  
\*For details, see the rules and terms at  
firstentertainment.com

**ACTUAL  
THE LIST**

FIRST ENTERTAINMENT CREDIT UNION



# *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](#)



**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/EapTnGAARSDRcKk8>