

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Membership Meeting Saturday, May 10th!
9AM

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

Zoom RSVP: 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](#)

IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes

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

Log-in for access:

[Membership Meeting Minutes](#)

A poster for the IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting. The background is dark green with a large, stylized purple flower. The text "MEMBERSHIP MEETING" is in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "MAY 10, 2025" is in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a yellow rectangular background. To the left is the IATSE Local 728 logo, a white Maltese cross with "IATSE" in the arms and "728" in the center. To the right of the logo, the text "CSATF will be on hand to do a demo of their new portal" is in orange, bold, sans-serif font. Next to it is the CSATF logo, a blue square with white "CS" and "CONTRACT SERVICES" below it. At the bottom right, "9AM" is in large, black, bold, sans-serif capital letters, followed by "IATSE Local 728" and "Membership Hall or Zoom" in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

**MEMBERSHIP
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Membership Hall or Zoom**



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

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



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



Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11



New on IATSE.net

Fighting for U.S. Film & TV Jobs

Fighting for U.S. Film and TV
Jobs Webpage

Keep California Rolling

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



**OVER 200,000 LETTERS SENT
BY YOU**



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



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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

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 90039

For more information and to sign-up, contact:

Ron Garcia (818) 523-5101 | rgarcia@iatse.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

Labor Community Services needs you to
STAMP OUT HUNGER

2:30 PM - 6:30 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
Contact Ron Garcia at (818) 523-5101 | rgarcia@iatse.net**



Save the Date! WeHo Pride Parade

Save the Date! Local 728 will be marching in the WeHo Pride Parade as part of an IATSE group. Join in solidarity and support of our LGBTQIA+ Kin and community as we march on June 1st. This event starts early and is done about mid-day. Snacks and drinks provided. Additional event details will be provided at a later time.

When: Sunday, June 1st

RSVP: community@iatse728.org

[WeHo Pride Parade](#)



CineGear EXPO LA

Registration for Cine Gear Expo LA is now open! Due to popular demand, the Early-Bird registration has been extended through May 31!

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](#)



Union Resources



May is Mental Health Awareness Month



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 First Aid Resources](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes Video](#)

[Behind the Scenes - Supporting Mental Health and Wellness](#)

Log-in for access to the following:

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

[Wondr Health- Cope Better, Stress Less](#)

[CALM Subscription Information](#)

[Optum- Tools and Videos related to Mental Health](#)

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](#)

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



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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 Glenn Hodson

A Celebration of Life in honor of Glenn Hodson, Jr. will be hosted on Saturday, May 10th.

[Notice of Passing: Brother Glenn Hodson](#)

Time: 4PM- 8PM

Location: Paseo Club | 27650 Dickason Dr. | Valencia, CA 91355

RSVP: [Here](#)



A celebration in honor of

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Saturday, May 10th at 4 PM - 8 PM

Paseo Club

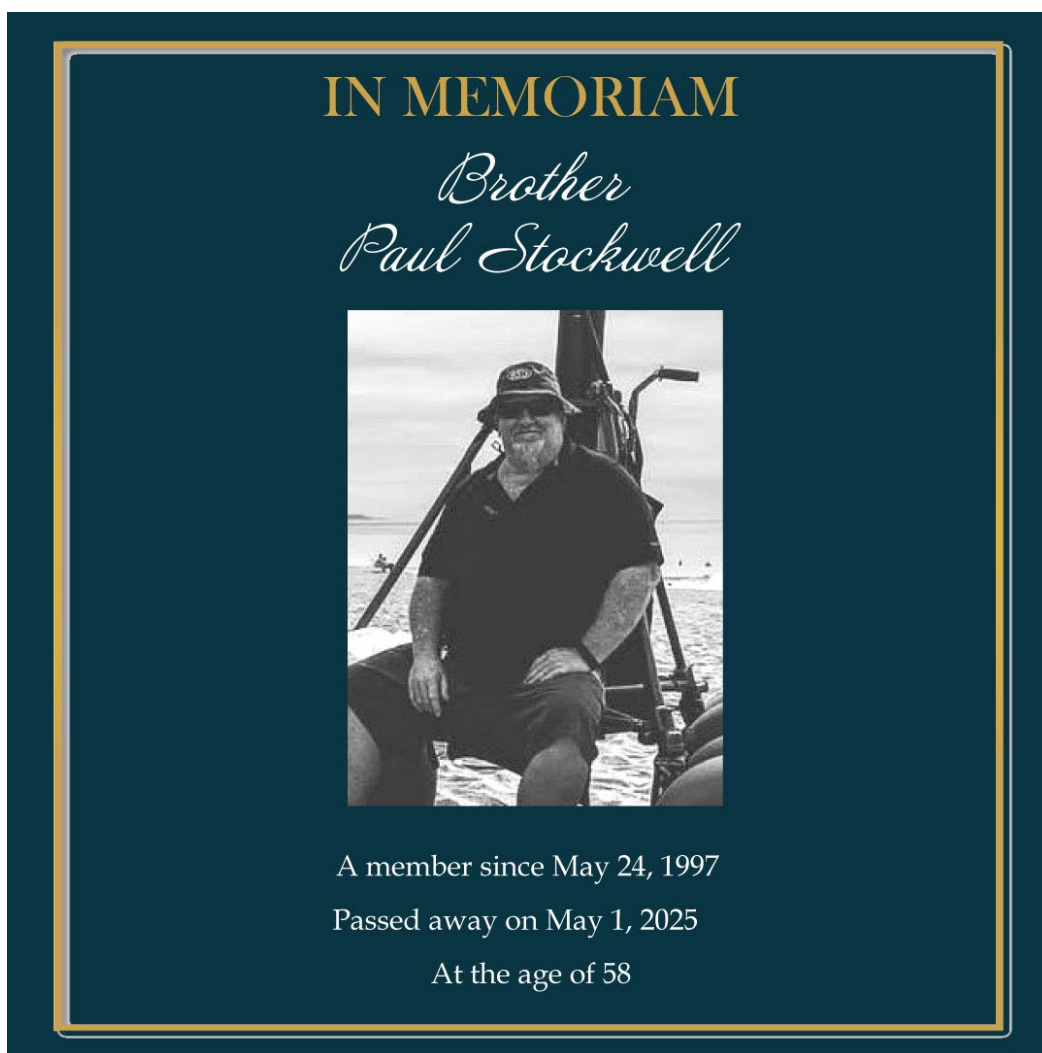
27650 Dickason Dr. Valencia, CA 91355



Brother Paul Stockwell

A 27-year member of Local 728, Brother Stockwell passed away on May 1, 2025.

[Notice of member passing: Brother Paul Stockwell](#)



Brother John Steven Blaich

A 58-year member of Local 728, Brother Blaich passed away on April 12, 2025.

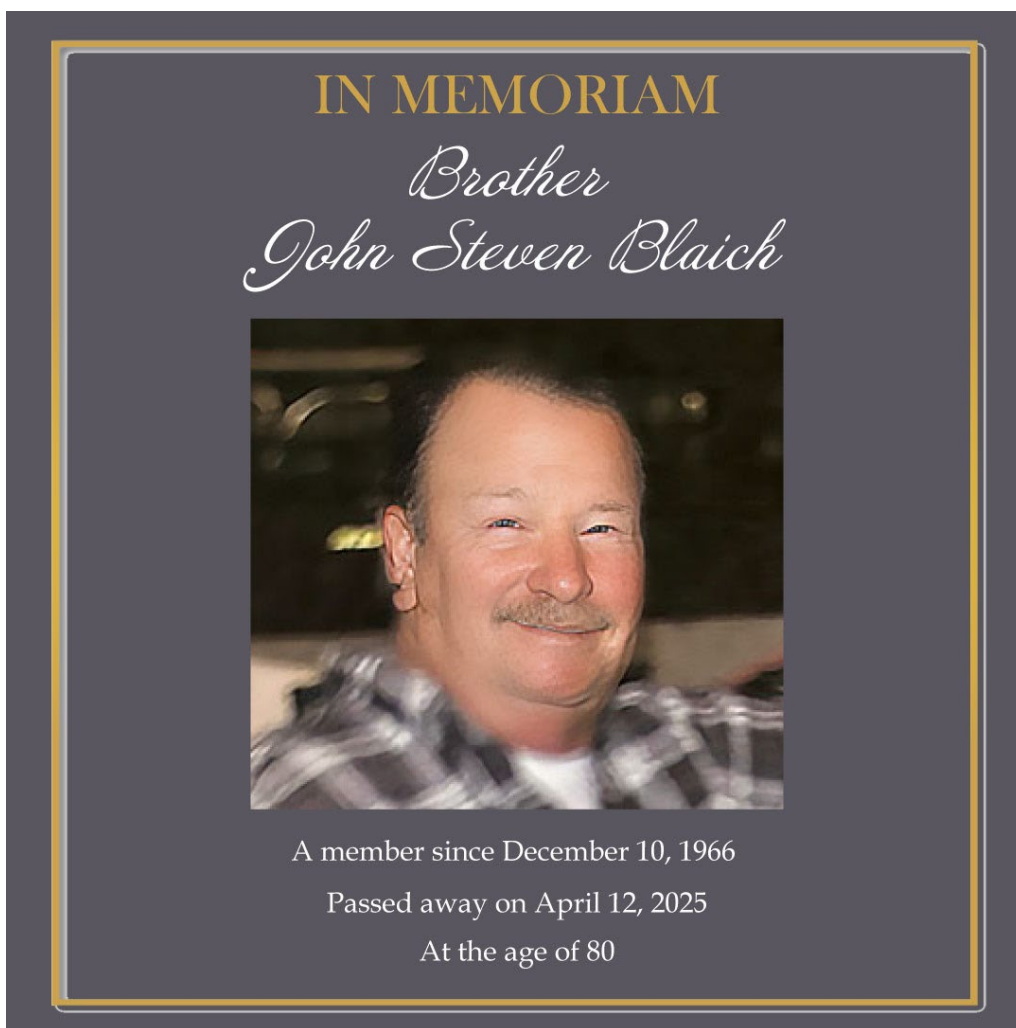
A Celebration of Life will be hosted at Shadow Hills Presbyterian in Sunland, CA

When: Saturday, May 24

Time: 11AM

Location: 10158 Johanna Ave | Sunland, CA 91040

[Notice of member passing: Steve Blaich](#)



**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>