

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*

New and improved

### IATSE Local 728 Phone System!



When you call the Local, you will hear a greeting and music while your call is answered in the order received.

\*NEW\* After hours menu options

## **Rates, Pension, IAP, and Convention Update**

August means new rates. Please check the website for details at <https://www.iatse728.org/contracts/wage-scales> (Log-In required). It also means you should have received an email stating that your MPI Pension Plan and Individual Account Plan Annual Statement for 2024 is now available. To access, log in to [www.mpiphp.org](http://www.mpiphp.org), click on the "Retirement" tab, and select "My 1099s and Statements." The 2024 statement will be listed under "My Statements."

Local 728's delegates and leadership have returned from the week-long District and Quadrennial Conventions. In a future issue of the Bulletin, many of the delegates will provide key takeaways from the union proceedings, including the strengthened #IASolidarity amongst all the IATSE locals across the United States and Canada. We are stronger together, and we will rely on that strength in our future negotiations.

In solidarity,

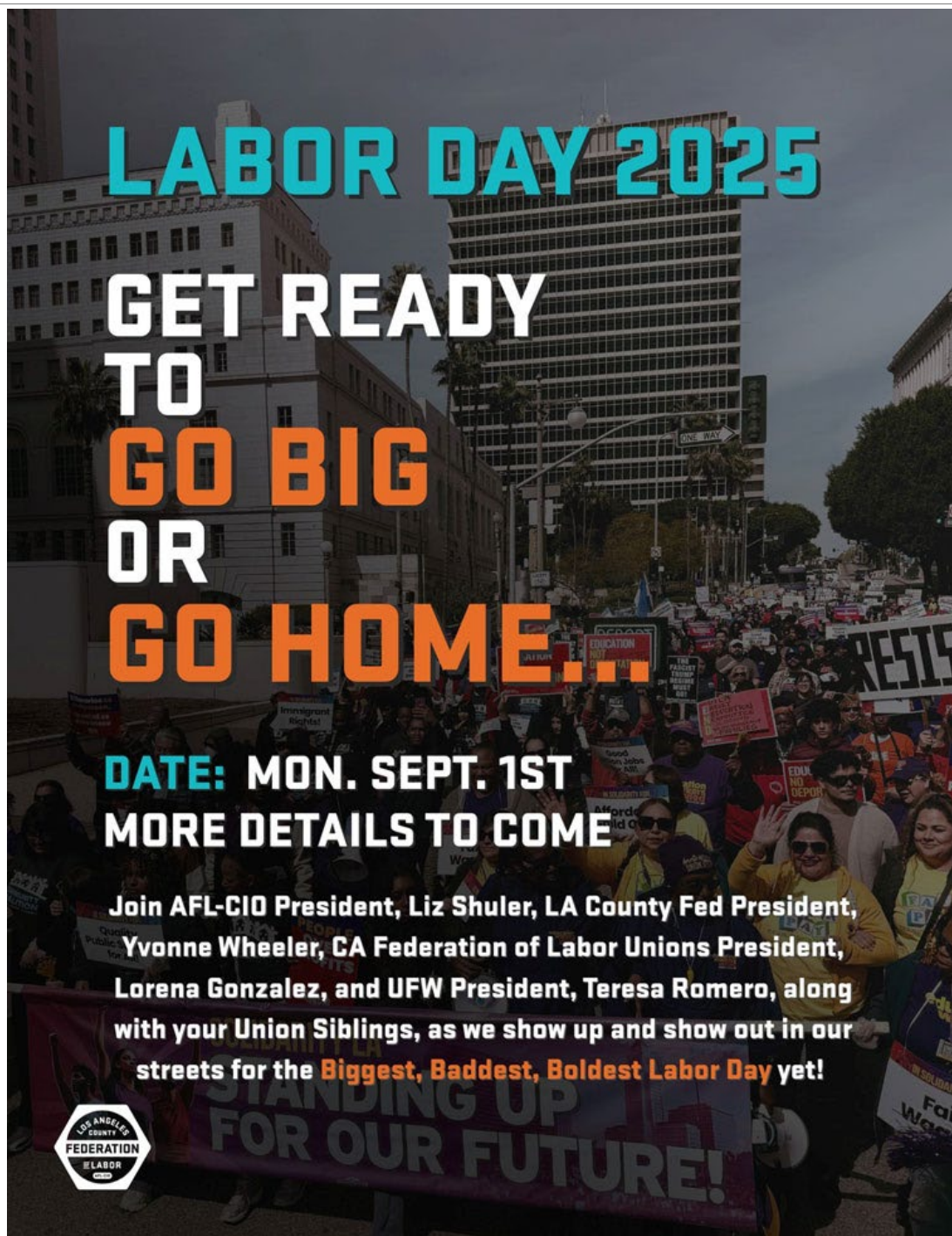
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Reeves", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

## **Labor Day 2025**

Date: Mon. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

MORE DETAILS TO COME.



## **The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin**

The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- Backing Pro-Labor Legislators Delivers Real Results
- Enhancements to the Hardship Loan Program | Bitcoin Series
- IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Winners
- Commitment to Education
- DEO Program | Why Members Should Get their OSHA 10
- Governor in Burbank, Celebrates Tax Film Expansion

Read More [Here](#) (login for access)





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## LOCAL 728

### Scholarship Winners

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## **MyConnex Reporting Tool Webinar Recording and Impact Survey**

The recording of the MyConnex Reporting Tool webinar is now available on the website in the video library.

[iatse728.org | video-library](http://iatse728.org/video-library)

In order to assess the impact that MyConnex Ombuds is having on the industry, your support is appreciated by completing the following survey. The survey can also be found if you login to the Local 728 website and click the Dashboard.

[Complete a short survey](#)



## **Organizing Victories**

You can report your show on the [IATSE Local 728 website](#). See below for some of the recent flips from non-union to union!



- O'Hara Open AI  
Commercial -6 Members
- Miley Cyrus  
Music Video -4 Members
- ESPN/HULU  
Commercial -5 Members
- WAKE  
Feature -5 Members
- Bigger Bird  
Music Video -4 Members
- YOURVIPATH  
Commercial -6 Members



## ORGANIZING VICTORIES

### **Safe + Sound Week 2025**

Next week is OSHA Safe + Sound Week. Safety should always be our number one priority. Please register to review these important webinars.

[Click here to register for Day 1](#)

[Click here to register for Day 2](#)

[Click here to register for Day 3](#)





**SAFE +  
SOUND  
WEEK  
2025**

**Webinar  
Rebroadcast  
Marathon!**

The theme for **Safe + Sound Week 2025** is  
**Preparedness is Your Superpower!**



Get prepared with an IATSE webinar rebroadcast  
marathon. *All times are displayed in eastern time.*



**MONDAY, AUGUST 11 | HOP-ON, HOP-OFF**

What's in Your First Aid Kit? | **12 - 1:30pm EDT**

Understanding Situational Awareness | **2 - 3:30pm EDT**

How to Create an Emergency Action Plan | **4 - 5:30pm EDT**

**Register: <https://iatse.co/safesounddayone>**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 | HOP-ON, HOP-OFF**

Mental Health Toolbox Talks (2025) | **1 - 2:30pm EDT**

Head Protection for the IATSE | **3 - 4:30pm EDT**

**Register: <https://iatse.co/safesounddaytwo>**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 | HOP-ON, HOP-OFF**

Cold Exposure in the Workplace | **12 - 1:30pm EDT**

Heat Exposure in the Workplace | **2 - 3:30pm EDT**

Climate Change & Disaster Response | **4 - 5:30pm EDT**

**Register: <https://iatse.co/safesounddaythree>**

## **Union-Made | Back to School Shopping Guide**

School is back in session this month! A great way to support good jobs is by shopping union-made. Use the link or list below to make your back to school shopping a little easier.

[Union-Made Back to School Shopping Guide](#)



# Union-Made

## Back to School Shopping Guide



### Folders

- Roaring Spring
- Trapper Keeper



### Snacks

- Dole
- Jell-O
- Keebler
- Oreo
- Ritz Crackers



### Clothing

- Carhartt
- Oshkosh B'Gosh
- Wigwam



### Tissues

- Kleenex
- Puffs



### Drinks

- Dasani
- Gatorade
- Minute Maid
- Mott's Juice
- Tropicana
- Welch's Juice



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



**IAATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!**  
**WEAR YOUR IAATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS**



Production List now available on the Local 728  
website Dashboard!



## **Behind The Scenes | Explore Career Options**

With work at historic lows, many members are looking for additional opportunities to work while we wait for more shows to return to LA. We have specialized skills that can be transferable. Behind The Scenes has a great selection of resources under the "Career Expansion/Transition" tab. Check it out!

[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)

Short, Mid, and Long Term Strategies to help you plan, prioritize, create manageable steps and take action:

[Next Steps: Strategies for Earning and Planning](#)

The following link has resume tips, Industry career support, finding industry jobs and more:

[Tools for Next Steps](#)

**Is it time for a change?**

**Tools to help you  
explore career options**

**[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)**

## **Action: Sign the IATSE Local B-192 Petition in Favor of Dodgers Tour Guides Receiving Fair Wages & Benefits**

Despite Dodger tour guide's essential role, they're being underpaid and unfairly treated. The Dodgers are trying to take away existing benefits - benefits that were promised as part of the job - simply because the guides voted to unionize.

Signing this petition means standing up for fairness, decency, and the workers who make the Dodgers experience great.

[Sign the Petition](#)



*Upcoming Events*

## **ASC Clubhouse Conversations | RuPaul's Drag Race**

You're invited to ASC Clubhouse Conversations! RuPaul's Drag Race with Gus Dominguez (Lighting Designer), Steve Moreno (Gaffer) and Thomas Schneider (Lighting Programmer).

**When:** Tuesday, August 12th

**Time:** Cocktails: 5:30PM | Dinner: 6PM | Conversation: 7PM

**Location:** ASC Clubhouse

**RSVP:** [HERE](#)

**ASC Clubhouse Conversations**



with  
**Gus Dominguez, Lighting Designer & Steve Moreno, Gaffer**

Moderated by  
**Shana Hagan, ASC**

**ASC Clubhouse**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

**Cocktails - 5:30 PM | Dinner - 6:00 PM | Conversation - 7:00 PM**



**RSVP HERE**





## **ADG Local 800 | Blood Drive**

Join the ADG Local 800 in giving back to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the ADG Blood Drive on Friday, August 15th.

**When:** Friday, August 15th

**Time:** 10AM - 3:45PM

**Location:** Art Directors Guild | 11969 Ventura Blvd, 1st Floor | Studio City, CA 91604

**Appointments:** [Click Here](#)

Blood Donor Qualifications can be found [here](#)

# 1 PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO 2 OF OUR PATIENTS' LIVES.





Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Time: 10am - 3:45pm

Hosted By: Art Directors Guild

Location: 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City 91604



To schedule an appointment,  
visit [CHLAdonateblood.org](https://CHLAdonateblood.org) or call us at **323-361-2441**.

### DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Every month, Children's Hospital Los Angeles has to collect 2,000 units of blood products to meet the needs of its patients. Please schedule an appointment for our upcoming blood drive, where each donation can help two children, and you can double your efforts by bringing a friend!

### DONOR REQUIREMENTS

- At least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Must provide valid photo ID (driver's license preferred)
- Should be well hydrated and feeling healthy

Please contact us if you are on any medications, have an existing medical condition or recently traveled outside the United States.

## **Techquity Showcase #3 | August 16th**

Join us for a mini Cine Gear product demo! Aava Dental, REON, General Lighting Dynamics (GLD), Betty Lights and other vendors to be announced.

**When:** Saturday, August 16th

**Time:** 10AM - 2PM

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

[Techquity Showcase | IATSE Local 728](#)



The poster features a dark blue background with a yellow and white geometric pattern on the left and right sides. The main title "techquity showcase" is in a large, stylized, yellow and white font. Below the title, the text "DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!" and "AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18" is in white. Three small photos show people at a trade show. At the bottom, there is a logo for IATSE Local 728, the text "10AM-2PM" and "IATSE LOCAL 728", the text "PREMIER SPONSORS", the logos for Aava DENTAL and REON, and a QR code.

# techquity showcase

**DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!**  
**AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18**

**10AM-2PM**  
**IATSE LOCAL 728**

**PREMIER SPONSORS**

Aava DENTAL REON



## **IATSE West Coast Office | Blood Drive**

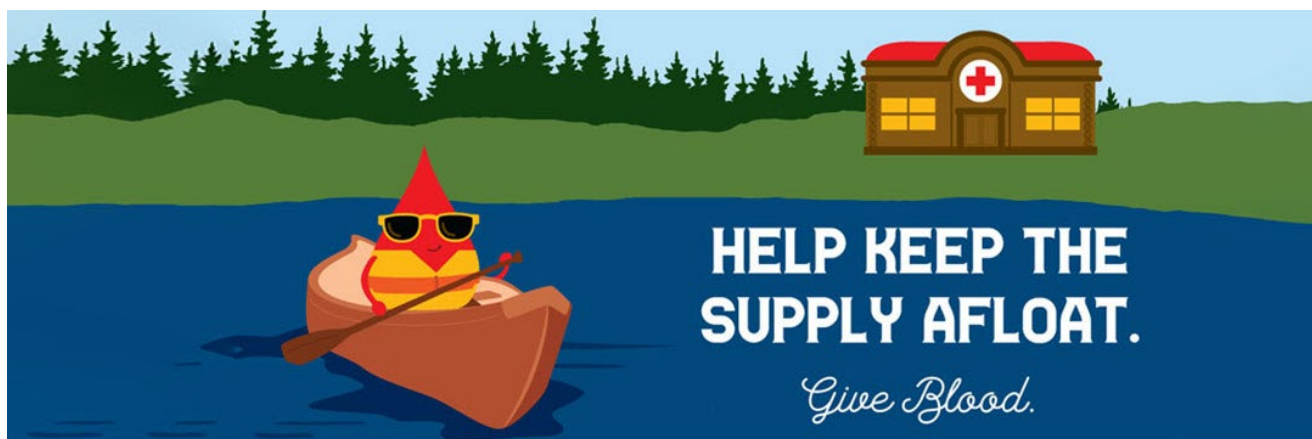
Join IATSE West Coast Office and Osbrink Agency for a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 19th.

**When:** Tuesday, August 19th

**Time:** 9:30AM – 3:30PM

**Location:** 2210 W Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91506

**Appointments:** [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter OSBRINKIATSE to schedule.



### **Blood Drive** **IATSE West Coast Office and** **Osbrink Agency**

Held in Large Event Room  
2210 W Olive Ave  
Burbank, CA 91506

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**  
**9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: OSBRINKIATSE to schedule an appointment.



Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: [rcblood.org/Test](https://rcblood.org/Test)



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**Red Cross**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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# *Union Resources*

## **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

[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#) (Log-in for access)

## **Food Distribution & Assistance**

Labor Community Services continues to have food distributions for those facing hardship or food insecurity. For upcoming dates and times, please continue to check the following link (updates regularly)

[Events | Labor Community Services](#)

To locate a pantry near you and for information on LA Regional Food Bank, CalFresh, Meals on Wheels, WIC, and more, click on the following link.

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

## **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

[Optum Mental Health Resources | Accessible all year-round](#)

[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**

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.

[ehisca.com](http://ehisca.com)

### **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

[iatse.net/socal-fires/](http://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](#)

### **Union Plus | Health Discounts for Union Members**

Check out the list of Union Plus Health Discounts for Union Members and their families.

[unionplus.org/benefits/health](http://unionplus.org/benefits/health)

## *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! [L728.co/iatsepac](https://L728.co/iatsepac)

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



## *In Memoriam*

### **Celebration of Life | David Blundell**

A Celebration of Life for David Blundell will be held on Saturday, August 23rd in Van Nuys, CA. If you would like to submit a photo of David(digitized) please send to Anthony at the email below.

**When:** Saturday, August 23rd

**Time:** 4PM - 8PM

**Location:** [Best Ball](#) | 6331 Woodley Avenue | Van Nuys, CA 91406

**Questions/Contact:** Anthony [Avd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Avd@sbcglobal.net)



# Celebration of Life for David Blundell



Saturday, August 23rd from 4PM - 8PM

Best Ball at Woodley Lakes Golf Course  
6331 Woodley Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91406