



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

A New Year

Happy New Year to all of you.

A year ago this week, eighteen of our members lost their homes in the Eaton and Palisades fires. Many more were displaced. This calamity brought out the best in our Union, which provided emotional and financial support as it has in the past. This is work to be proud of, and your generosity makes it possible through our Hardship Fund and our donations to MPTF (Motion Picture Television Fund), the Entertainment Community Fund, and the Walsh/DiTolla/Spivak Foundation. I thank you for supporting them, and I thank those organizations for supporting our members.

I don't know what this year has in store for us and our industry, but at least I know that we will be working at Local 728 to better serve our members through contract enforcement and organizing jobs so more of you get the benefits of your hard work. I do know that CA tax incentives are bringing work back to our state, and I never doubt that the demand for entertainment will continue to grow.

Here's to a prosperous 2026.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians, IATSE Local 728

MPTF New Year, New Goals



Caring is Infinite

Have you made any resolutions for this year? Goals should be manageable and attainable. Please see this message from Naomi Rodda, licensed clinical social worker from The Motion Picture Television Fund.

The beginning of January often brings with it the dreaded “New Year’s Resolutions”.

A resolution is defined as “a formal written statement or decision adopted by a governing body to express its opinion, declare a position, or direct action”. Anyone who has submitted a resolution for consideration at the IATSE Local or International level knows how they are structured. New Year’s Resolutions also can take on this flavor, often to our personal detriment if we are unable to meet our internal standards of what the resolution means to us. So, rather than setting ourselves up for potential

disappointment, self-judgement, or even failure by “resolving” to (insert your personal plan for change /overhaul here), I challenge all of us (myself included) to set short-term, achievable goals that set us up for success. We can make small, incremental changes that improve our overall well-being, that are within our reach, and that we do not abandon by February 1. I will be taking my dog for longer walks and striving to get more sleep.

What is your plan?

In solidarity always,

Naomi

MLK Day Parade



IATSE LOCAL 728
JOIN US FOR THE
MLK DAY
PARADE

Monday, January 19th, 2026

Meet Up/Lunch Location:
3546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90008
(1/2 Block East of Crenshaw)

Suggested Parking: Crenshaw Mall Parking Lot
3650 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Call Time: 7:30-7:40am Set-Up, Arrive by 7:50am

LA Fed Breakfast: 8:00am

8:50-9:00am: Head to Start of Parade
(LA Fed Buses to the Starting Point)

9:00am-Noonish: Parade March

Lunch Social: 12:30pm - 4:00pm
3546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008

ALL IATSE 728 MEMBERS WELCOME!

RSVP:



<https://forms.gle/njGswj2caktGh3Rk8>

When: Monday, January 19, 2026

Location: 3546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90008

Contact: (323) 855-6680 or vp@iatse728.org

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/8pPhutKknvRRkaYEq>

Don't forget to wear your union swag!

Upcoming Meeting Schedule



The graphic features a dark purple header with the title "Upcoming Board & Membership Meeting Schedule" in white. Below the title is a white Maltese cross logo with the number "728" in the center. The logo is flanked by the text "Executive Board" on the left and "Membership Meeting" on the right. The main body of the graphic consists of a teal background with horizontal bands of varying shades. Dates for the Executive Board and Membership Meeting are listed in white text within these bands. At the bottom, a dark teal band contains the text "more information at" followed by the URL iatse728.org/calendar in white.

Executive Board	Membership Meeting
January 10	January 24
February 7	March 14
March 7	May 9
April 11	July 18

more information at iatse728.org/calendar

Visit iatse728.org/calendar for additional events and meeting schedule.

Organizing Victories



You can report your show on the IATSE Local 728 website. See above for some of the recent flips from non-union to union!

CSATF- V3 and V6 Online Courses



Visit the Industry Hub.org
to log into your Portal

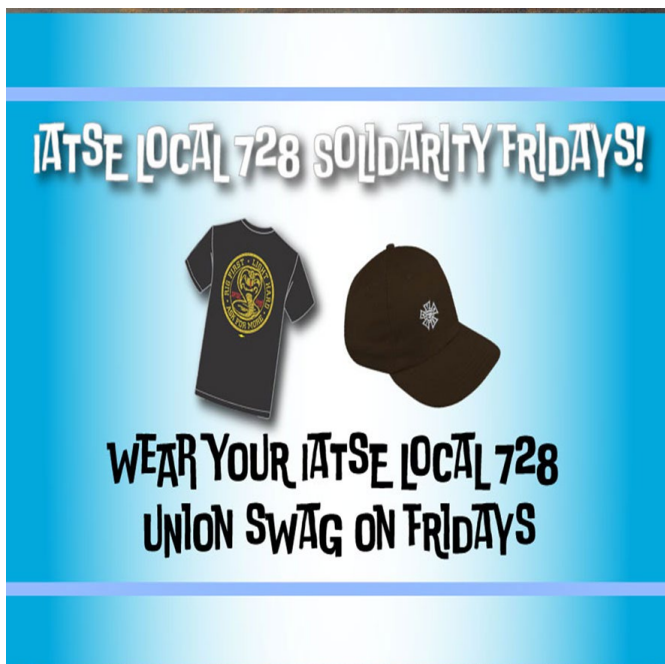
V3-Shock/Arc Flash Awareness V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety

Now available in you Portal!

V3-Shock and Arc Flash Awareness- 3 hour self paced online course
Covers topics to help identify, evaluate, and avoid shock and arc flash hazards related to using a portable power distribution system.

V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety- 2 hour self paced online course
Covers rigging concepts and methods that lighting technicians use to safely lift and support lighting equipment overhead.

Visit Contract Services at <https://www.thehub.org> to take the V3 and V6 self-paced online courses. These new requirements are available in your CSATF Portal.



Scholarship Programs



Information for the 2026 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is available on the website. You can download an application or request one from the Local 728 office.

The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 office is **Friday, February 6, 2026**. Mail, deliver, or email the completed application package to

the Local 728 office. (*Applicants should contact the Local to confirm receipt of application prior to the deadline*).

If you were a recipient in the past, you are ineligible; this is a one-time award. Scholarship Award recipients will be notified in March 2026.

[IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Programs](#)

Union Plus

For Union Plus scholarship application, deadlines and complete details please visit the following link:

[2026 Union Plus Scholarship](#) – Application deadline: January 31, 2026

In The *Labor* News

[“House Votes to Block Trump’s Union-Busting, But Senate Fight Looms”](#)
[\(People’s World\)](#)

Upcoming Events

Save the Date – Membership Meeting

January 24, 2026

IATSE LOCAL 728 MEMBERSHIP MEETING



RSVP coming soon

Topics to be covered:

- New Officer Swear Ins
- Constitution and By Laws revisions
- Work Update



Saturday, January 24 at 9AM



1001 W. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91506

January events



iatse728.org

This is a hybrid meeting for Local 728 members only.

*Scan
for details*



When: Saturday, January 24

Time: 9AM

Location: Local 728 and via Zoom

RSVP: details forthcoming

Union Resources



Information and tools for financial, mental health and wellness, assistance, food banks, alternative health insurance, discounts and more can be found at the following:

[Financial Assistance and Resources](#)

[Resources | Assistance](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources](#)

Food Programs & Resources

LA COUNTY PARKS FOOD PROGRAMS

FOR YOUTH, TEENS & SENIORS

**FREE HOT SUPPER
TEEN PROGRAM**

- 16 PARKS
- AGES 12–18
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 7:00 PM
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**SENIOR NUTRITION
PROGRAMS**

- 9 PARKS
- AGES 60+
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 11:00AM-1:00PM
- PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- BASED ON AVAILABILITY

**FREE YOUTH
SNACK PROGRAM**

- 48 PARKS
- AGES 17 AND UNDER
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- NO ENROLLMENT REQUIRED

FOR PARK LOCATIONS VISIT:



bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms

If you or your family need food assistance, please visit [LAFoodBank](#) and [Food Oasis LA](#) (a food directory connecting you to nearby pantries and meals).

LA County Parks has food programs for Youth, Teens (ages 12-18), and Seniors. The programs are designed to ensure that there is access to free, wholesome meals and snacks. To locate a park near you, please visit:

bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms

The LA County Department of Health Services has different types of food programs, some even help with pet food. Please visit [LA County DHS | Resources | Food](#)

[View Food Distribution & Resources Flyer](#)

IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

Local 728 now has its own personalized PAC Donation Landing Page.

[Please give today!](#)



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!

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