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In The Spotlight this week!

Did You Know?

You can retire from the Health Plan as early as 60! And if you don't have 30 qualifying years and 60,000 hours, you can Health-Only retire at the age of 62.

For more information on this and your pension, please check out www.mpiphp.org, check your mailbox for the FYI from MPI mailer <https://www.mpiphp.org/home/news/newsletters>, or call us at the Local.

In solidarity,



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



Techquity Showcase

techquity showcase

Saturday, April 18

🕒 12PM - 4PM

📍 IATSE Local 728
1001 West Magnolia Blvd
Burbank, CA 91506



Presented by
 Sustainable
Entertainment
Alliance

100% Cleantech



Scan for details

Join us this Saturday at the hall for Techquity, check out new tech, discover new union resources and seminars.

All booths will be outdoors under pop-ups, allowing for industry seminars and trainings to take place in the Hall.

Innovation, Sustainability, and Camaraderie

Techquity brings together the latest lighting and power technology vendors to showcase their work to you, the highly skilled members of Local 728. The event provides direct access to the experts who make the equipment we use. Food, drinks, and raffles will be provided in a comfortable atmosphere meant to foster conversation, connections, and opportunities. Additional vendors are available to provide members access to Union resources.

New for 2026

Sustainable Entertainment Alliance (SEA) is our presenting sponsor. This partnership represents a first in Hollywood and for the company. The SEA, a national advocate for sustainability in production, is working with IATSE Local 728 to educate on what we can do together to save the planet.

Current Vendors

REON, King Kong Production Rentals, Saniset Fleet, First Entertainment Credit Union and more.

Visit [Techquity Showcase](#) for details and to RSVP.

EUC Meets with Top CA Governor Candidates



With Governor Newsom's term to conclude this year, we need a continued partner in the incoming California Governor to champion our home-grown film and television industry for the jobs it creates and the investment it contributes to our state economic, local business, tourism, hospitality industry and more.

To stabilize our industry, we need a fighter committed to expand our jobs program for the important value it brings to the state. "The coalition does not make endorsements [while some individual Unions and Guilds do] but is striving to make sure it has a relationship with whoever comes out on top.

'We have a story to tell. When we tell it, there is really universal support and understanding of what the value is of having this work and this industry centered here.' - EUC President Rebecca Rhine." via Variety

 [Read More](#)

#KeepCaliforniaRolling #EntertainmentUnionCoalition

CSATF Class – V4



Visit the [Industry Hub.org](http://IndustryHub.org)
to log into your Portal

V4-Generator and Portable Power Distribution Safety

Now available for Local 728 Industry Professionals
to take as an Elective course (not required)

V4-Generator and Portable Power Distribution Safety
2 hour self paced online course

Covers topics
Set-up and fueling, grounding and bonding, AC
power systems, load management, portable power
distribution systems, and emergency preparedness response.

As reported last year, Local 728 has its first elective course from CSATF. The V4-Generator and Portable Power Distribution Safety course is now available for our education and enrichment.

More information will be coming soon. As it is not a required course, a stipend will not be available.

Visit the Industry Hub at <https://www.thehub.org>

Organizing Victories



Organizing Victories

- Remitly World Cup
Promo -6 Members
- Project Olympia
Commercial -7 Members
- MLB-Donut
Commercial -6 Members
- N/U-FIFA
Promo -3 Members
- Service Now
Commercial -9 Members
- Shaboozy
Music Video -10 Members
- Crocs
Commercial -3 Members


Contract Achieved

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

[Organizing Your Non-Union Show | IATSE Local 728](#)

[New Show Report | IATSE Local 728](#)

Production List



April Production List
now available
on the Local 728 website
Dashboard! (log-in required)

The updated production list is now available on the website. You must log-in to the website and click on [Dashboard](#) to view.

Inter Local Event-May Day Prep



IATSE INTER-LOCAL

MAY DAY

PAPER MÂCHÉ PUPPETS

SIGN PAINTING

& MORE!

19 APRIL
11AM - 4PM

PREP PARTY

@ IATSE LOCAL 80

ALL IATSE KIN & ALLIES WELCOME

RSVP



Join the Inter-Local May Day Prep Party on April 19 from 11AM-4PM at Local 80. There will be a sign making station where you can make your own signs for the rally.

"We must build solidarity before we take to the streets and practice solidarity!"

Visit [Inter-Local May Day Prep Party](#)

Save the Date – International Workers’ Day
The May Day March Rally

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10:00 AM

MCARTHUR PARK (PARKVIEW & WILSHIRE)

WERE READY • WORKERS ARE RISING • WE ARE RE



Save the Date for the International Workers’ Day, May Day Rally.

On Friday, May 1st, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the LA County Federation of Labor will be hosting a massive mobilization centered on the starting point of MacArthur Park, Parkview & Wilshire, in LA. Please wear your union swag.

Additional details forthcoming.

Navigating the Health Care Maze: Your Guide to Medicare Options for MPI Covered Participants



Join Motion Picture Industry Health Plan and Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions representatives for a webinar on Medicare Coordination of Benefits.

When: Tuesday, April 21

Time: 3:30 -4:30 PM PT

Via Zoom

Register [here](#) by April 20th

Entertainment Community Fund Services



Entertainment Community Fund

Formerly The Actors Fund

Like MPTF, the Entertainment Community Fund is an organization designed to meet the needs of the entertainment community with an understanding of the challenges industry members face.

If you were unable to attend the March General Membership Meeting with guest speaker Keith McNutt, CEO Entertainment Community Fund, you can view the handouts that were provided [here](#) (log-in for access).

The Support Crew: Community for IATSE Members

Tuesdays, April 21–May 26

1 pm ET/12 pm CT/10 am PT

The ECU is hosting a six-week virtual support group (free) for IATSE members impacted by ongoing industry uncertainty. The group offers a confidential and supportive space.

Space is limited.

Contact Olivia DeSanto, LMSW to learn more:
odesanto@entertainmentcommunity.org

OSHA 30 Outreach Class - April 11 & 12, May 16 & 17

OSHA



30 Hour General Industry Training Class
with a focus on working in the
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 11 & 12 9:00AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 16 & 17 9:00AM - 5:30PM

IATSE Local 728, 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd Burbank, CA 91506

PRESENTED BY KENT JORGENSEN & ALAN M. ROWE

Signups now open at: <https://training728.org/osha30>

Comprehensive OSHA training tailored to film and television leaders who want to strengthen compliance, prevent hazards, and keep their crews safe.

The OSHA 30 is the advanced level of OSHA Outreach Training, created for department heads, supervisors, safety coordinators, and other leaders seeking to deepen their knowledge of compliance and workplace safety. With a focus on the motion picture and television industry, this course equips participants with the tools to recognize hazards, apply prevention strategies, and foster a culture of safety across sets, shops, and on-location shoots. Using industry-specific examples, it provides a strong foundation in OSHA regulations while addressing the unique challenges of film and television production.

This is a FOUR DAY class and will require your commitment to complete the course to receive your OSHA 30 Card. This course will not be offered regularly so opportunities to make up missed days will be rare.

This class is intended for people working as crew chiefs or department heads. This training is required by many employers who will be doing events around the upcoming events in Los Angeles such as the World Cup and Olympics.

<https://training728.org/osha30>



2nd Quarter Dues

Second Quarter 2026

Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website (cc only).



Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at www.iatse728.org

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



ACH Payment Reminder

If you are enrolled in AUTO ACH, your payment will be deducted on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!



WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS

Federal Film Incentive Program

Support a Federal Incentive by Becoming a Monthly Contributor to the IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

By becoming a monthly contributor, you're supporting [IATSE's federal agenda](#), including priorities that will directly impact all workers in the industry.

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

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

[Please give today!](#)



IATSE PAC

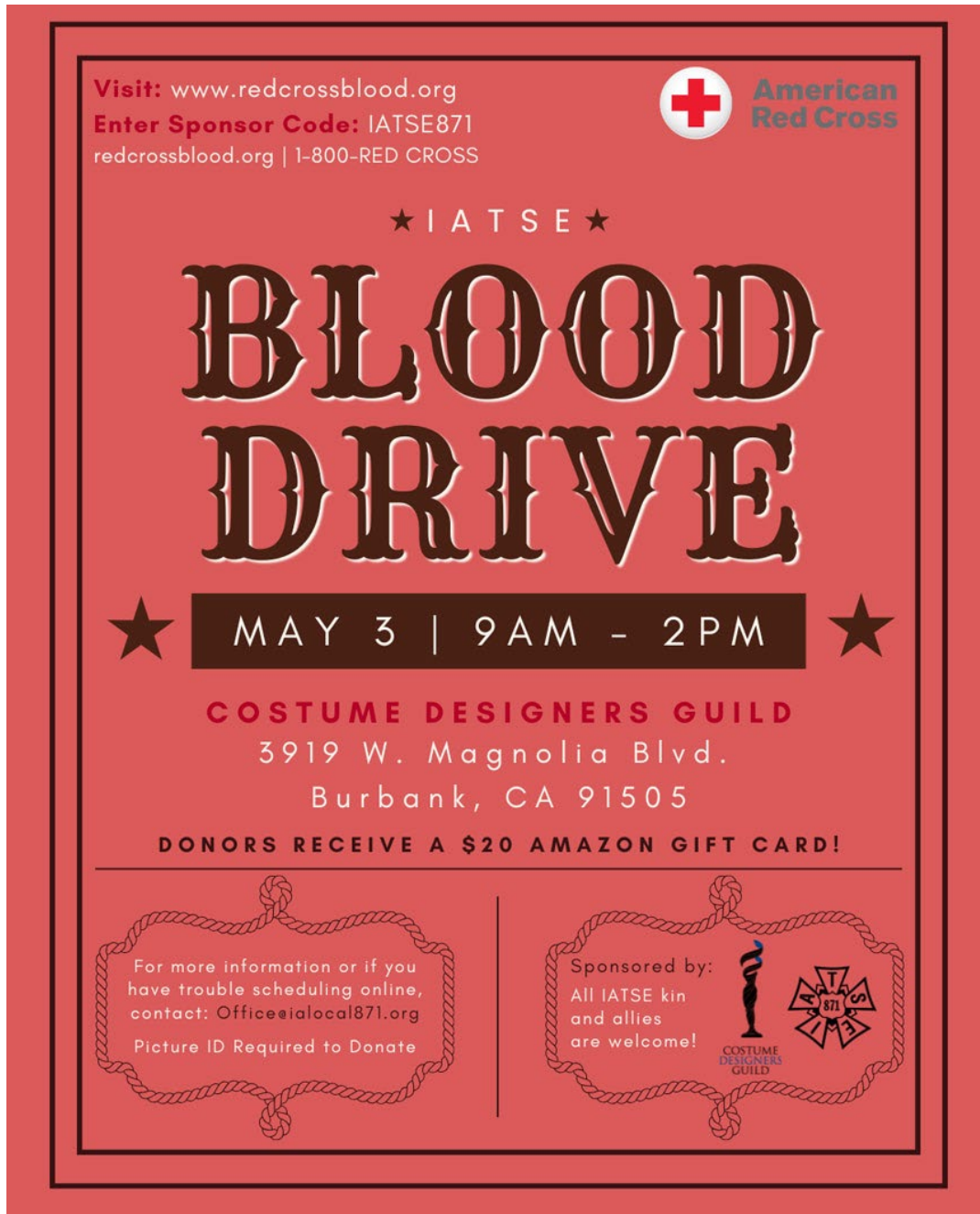
The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

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.


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

Upcoming Events

IATSE Blood Drive



Visit: www.redcrossblood.org
Enter Sponsor Code: IATSE871
redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

 American Red Cross

★ I A T S E ★

BLOOD DRIVE


★ MAY 3 | 9AM - 2PM ★

COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD
3919 W. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91505

DONORS RECEIVE A \$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

For more information or if you have trouble scheduling online, contact: Office@ialocal871.org
Picture ID Required to Donate

Sponsored by:
All IATSE kin and allies are welcome!


COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD

IATSE Locals 871 and 892 are proud to host a blood drive on Sunday, May 3.

When: Sunday, May 3

Location: Costume Designers Guild

Sponsor Code: IATSE 871

Contact: office@ialocal871.org

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

Cine Gear Expo-Los Angeles



Save the date for Cine Gear Expo Los Angeles at Universal Studios Lot!

<https://www.cinegearexpo.com/la-expo/>

Union Resources

The image shows three circular resource cards. The first card on the left is titled "Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions" and features the MPTF 100 logo and a photo of a man and a woman sitting at a table. The middle card is titled "IATSE Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response" and features the IATSE logo and a photo of a yellow high-visibility vest with "I.A.T.S.E. DISASTER RESPONSE" printed on it. The third card on the right is titled "Union Plus Health Discounts" and features the "UNION PLUS" logo and a grid of six small images representing different health services: Dental, Hearing, Prescriptions, Medical Bill Negotiating Service, and Hospital Grant.

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](#)

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