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# In The Spotlight this week!

## Independence Day



On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate 250 years of independence. Local 728 wishes you and your loved ones a safe and festive Independence Day.

In observance of the holiday, the Local 728 office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.

## Taking Care of Our Own

# MPTF

motion picture &  
television fund



Anthony VanDyk, Thomas McGough II and Greg Etheredge  
representing the Local at the Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Tournament

While many are working, many are not and have not for a while. MPTF is here to help! IATSE Local 728 members support the Motion Picture & Television Fund yearly with donations to the Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Tournament and the upcoming Day at the Ranch event. Look out for tickets later in the year, once approved by the membership.

Let's remember to take care of our own as we move into the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Weekend. You can give at <https://mptf.com/donate/>

Should you know a member in need, have them give us a call or suggest they

reach out at 323-634-3888 and inquire about financial assistance.

Have a safe and happy 250<sup>th</sup> Fourth!

In solidarity,



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

## Union-Made Cookout List



The graphic features a teal background with a red, white, and blue bunting banner at the top. On the left is an illustration of a red and blue grill with food cooking. On the right are two balloons, one with stripes and one with stars. The title 'Union-Made July 4th Cookout List' is centered in white. Below the title are three columns of food categories, each with an icon and a list of brands. At the bottom center is a 'BUY UNION' logo with a shopping cart icon and the text 'Be an Ethical Consumer' and 'Labor 411'. At the bottom right is a '4TH OF July' logo with stars.

**Union-Made  
July 4th Cookout List**

**Bread**

- Arnold
- Country Hearth
- Nature's Harvest
- Old Country
- Sara Lee
- Sweet Harvest
- Wonder Bread

**Meats**

- Best Choice Ham
- Butterball
- Empire Kosher
- Foster Farms
- Hebrew National
- Hillshire Farms
- Hormel
- Manwich
- Oscar Meyer
- Tyson

**Cheese**

- Alta Dena
- Hiland
- Kraft
- Land O'Lakes
- Velveeta

**Drinks**

- Coca-Cola
- 7 Up
- Pepsi
- Sprite
- Dr. Pepper

**Condiments**

- French's
- Heinz
- Hellman's
- Vlasic

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

**4TH OF July**

This Independence Day, support good union jobs by supporting union brands! Labor 411 has put together an exclusive cookout list. [View here.](#)

## **RSVP Now Open - Scotwork Workshop**

Mark your calendars!

# Scotwork

## 2026 Negotiations Training Workshop Series

# Protecting Your Value

Learn a practical, job-relevant approach to negotiating with producers and production management while on set

- July 18
- August 22
- October 3

**[RSVP: iatse728.org/scotwork2026](https://iatse728.org/scotwork2026)**



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

🕒 1:30PM

The RSVP is now open for the in-person Negotiations Training Workshop, **Protecting Your Value** on July 18 at the hall.

If you can't make this one, we are planning on doing the same training on the following Saturdays:

Save the date for: August 22 and October 3 at Local 728.

**When:** July 18

**Time:** 1:30PM - 3PM

**Location:** IATSE Local 728

**RSVP:** <https://www.iatse728.org/scotwork2026>

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## **Medicare 101 for Non-Vested Retirees**



Join licensed Medicare agents from Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions for an important webinar on Medicare coordination of benefits for industry members who will not vest with a retiree health plan.

**When:** Wednesday, July 8

**Time:** 5PM - 6PM PT

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Register** [Here](#) (Please RSVP by July 7th)

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## **Scientific and Technical Awards**



# 2027 Scientific & Technical Award Submissions Now Open

Deadline to submit: July 23 5PM PT

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced that submissions for the 2027 Scientific and Technical Awards are open. The deadline to submit is Thursday, July 23 at 5PM PT. The Scientific and Technical Awards Presentation will take place in April 2027.

View submission rules [here](#).  
To begin a submission, click [here](#).

[2027 SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AWARDS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS](#)  
[| Academy Press Office](#)

## Third Quarter Dues

### Third 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](http://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 Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

## Production List

Now available  
on the Local 728 website  
Dashboard! (log-in required)

## Production List

Access to the June production list is available on the website. You must log-in to the Local 728 website and click on [Dashboard](#) to view.

**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**



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

## General Membership Meeting



## **IATSE LOCAL 728 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

*Save the Date*

Saturday, July 18 at 9AM

 IATSE Local 728 and via Zoom

This meeting is for Local 728 members only

Save the Date for the July 18th General Membership Meeting. RSVP details forthcoming.

## Blood Drive at the Art Director's Guild

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



**Children's Hospital LOS ANGELES**

Date: Friday, August 7, 2026  
Time: 10am - 3:45pm  
Hosted By: Art Directors Guild  
Location: 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City 91604

To schedule an appointment, visit [CHLAdonateblood.org](http://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.

You're invited to join the ADG Local 800 in giving back to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the ADG Fall Blood Drive.

**When:** Friday, August 7, 2026

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

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to schedule your August 7th appointment today!

Blood Donor Qualifications list can be viewed [here](#). If you are not available/eligible yourself, you still have the power to save a life - recruit other donors, share on social media, forward the details to x3 friends!  
The ADG Blood Drive is open to the public, all are welcome and we hope to see you there! Have a big heart... give blood ❤️

## Techquity Showcase

The poster features a dark green background with a white and yellow circuit board pattern. A diagonal banner in the top left corner reads "Postponed" in green. The main title "Techquity Showcase" is in large, glowing yellow-outlined white letters. Below the title, the date "Saturday, August 15" is centered in white. The time "12PM - 4PM" is shown with a clock icon. The location "IATSE Local 728" is accompanied by a location pin icon, with the address "1001 West Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91506" below it. The IATSE Local 728 logo is on the left. The event is presented by the Sustainable Entertainment Alliance, with the "100% Cleantech" logo at the bottom.

The August 15th Techquity showcase is being postponed. More information about NEW Clean Energy educational opportunities will be shared soon!

[Techquity Showcase](#)

# 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](#)

## In Memoriam

**Robert D. Knox**

# IN MEMORIAM

*Robert D. Knox*



A member since October 9, 1961

Passed away on June 29, 2026

At the age of 86

A 65-year member of Local 728, Robert passed away on June 29, 2026, at the age of 86. Robert received his 65-year service pin in 2026.

Notice of member passing: [Robert D. Knox](#)