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40-Year Honors



Congratulations to long-time Local 728 veterans (standing, left to right) Jerry L. Posner, John Wilson, John Gutierrez, Douglas Dale, Ron Dahlquist; (seated) James Plannette and Larry K. Freeman, who were recently honored by the Local. The group received their 40-year commemorative lapel pins at the July Membership Meeting.

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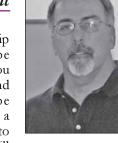
by Dennis K. Grow, President

Pifty-six members attended the membership meeting in July. I swore in 9 new members. I also had the privilege of awarding "40 Year" pins to 7 members who attended: Ron Dahlquist, Douglas Dale, Larry K. Freeman, John Gutierrez, James Plannette, Jerry L. Posner and John Wilson. Sixteen additional recipients were not able to attend and their pins will be mailed to them.

Joel Lyle and Maria Cardoza-Pleasant from Union Plus Mortgage gave a presentation on their home loan programs. Union Plus Mortgage is the only mortgage lender sanctioned by the AFL-CIO. Their Mortgage Assistance Program can help you make your mortgage payments if you become unemployed as a result of a layoff, disability, strike or lockout. Should you be shopping for a home loan, talk to them about the benefits of being a union member. Call Maria at 818-226-0750.

Nominations for the following offices will take place at the September Membership meeting: Vice President, Treasurer/Call Steward and three (3) Executive Board members. To be eligible to hold office in Local 728, you must be a member in good standing for the previous 2 years. (Constitution, Article 8, Section 7) You need not be in attendance

at the Membership meeting to be nominated. If you cannot attend and wish to be nominated, send a written request to the Local and I will



place your name in nomination.

At some time during the term of the Treasurer/Call Steward, we expect the office will be split and the office of Secretary/Treasurer will be created. The Call Steward will then become an appointed position. An agreement has been prepared that all Treasurer/Call Steward nominees will sign acknowledging that the office may be split. It explains the choices to the Treasurer/Call Steward when the split occurs. That document is printed in this newsletter.

AT&T Wireless (formerly Cingular) is the only fully union wireless company (CWA). They are offering a 10% discount on service and \$50 savings on phones to union members. Go to http://www.unionplus.org/att-wireless.cfm for more information.

Fraternally,



Congratulations to all of our 40-Year Commemorative Pin Recipients!

Harold J. Cornick Ronald Dahlquist Douglas Dale Larry Freeman Lloyd Gowdy John J. Gutierrez Alan Heather Martin Holloway Richard Kamins Robert Marcos James Murphy James Nichols Joseph Orefice James Plannette Jerry Posner Dutch Presley

Roger Redel Stephen Shaver Daryl Smith Duane Smith Kenneth Spencer Michael Van Woert John Wilson

Back Lot Family Picnic



Sunday, September 30th Calamigos Ranch, Malibu Tickets Now on Sale \$15 Advance \$20 at the gate See your Lot Steward or Visit the Local

— I.A.T.S.E. LOCAL 728

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UNION -SPOTLIGHT

DECEASED:

BROTHER HERMAN J. COLLIER, 95 YEARS OLD, PASSED AWAY MARCH 22, 2007. HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL SINCE APRIL 14, 1979.

BROTHER JAMES E. SULLIVAN, 72 YEARS OLD, PASSED AWAY JUNE 19, 2007. HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL SINCE NOV. 12, 1966. BROTHER DONALD E. MORGAN, 64 YEARS OLD, PASSED AWAY FEB. 8, 2006. HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL SINCE DEC. 11, 1976.

FIRST NOTICE:

JAMES BANFIELD, DAMIEN R.
COLLIER, JONATHAN R.
CUSHING, BLANE DYDASCO,
CHRIS FERGUSON, JOE
IVERSON, ROBERT LAM,
JOHNNY MADISON, JAMES W.
REESE AND MATTHEW
WEILUND.

SECOND NOTICE

COLE BRYDON, CHRIS CONATY, JAMES COPELAND, JORGE COVARRUBIAS, JR., RODNEY DENSFORD, JR., ALLEN DIAL, GUSTAVO DOMINGUEZ, JAMES DOMKUS, JOSEPHY HADDAD, WILLIAM LEHNHART, BENJAMIN MARTINEZ, DAVID MARTINEZ, JUSTIN MCADAMS, CHRIS REITER, RAUL D. SANCHEZ, TRAVIS STEWART AND ADAM WILSON.

NEW MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOW-ING NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN ON JULY 14, 2007: ERIK ARENDT, ROCKY COLLIER, THEODORE (CARL) FLOOD, BRENT M. HANSEN, RYAN MARSH, DAVID SHEETZ, ROBERT TERRY, II, CHRIS TONKOVICH AND DAVID WHITTAKER; SWORN IN ON JULY 17: PHILIP A. EASTVOLD; SWORN IN ON JULY 18: DARREN BARROWS; SWORN IN ON JULY 17: ROBERT LOWE.

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Picnics and Food Banks ... Read on

by Patric J. Abaravich, Business Representative - Secretary

The Back Lot Picnic this year will be on September 30th. Tickets are available at the Local and from your Lot Stewards. The price is \$15.00 in advance, or \$20.00 at the gate, so get your tickets early.

I hear people say that "they" are constantly keeping us, the back lot Locals, apart. Well, let's prove "them" wrong by joining forces with not only the people we work with, but with "our" combined work force "family". Let's all get out, enjoy and celebrate a day of union solidarity.

The second 728 Retiree Get Together will be Sept 19, 2007 at the Sportsman's Lodge. Festivities start at 11:00. A delistyle lunch will served and all the old stories will continue where they left off. If you were at the last one, you know what I'm talking about. If you missed the last one, you need to do some catching up. So, plan your month of September and pencil in Sept. 19th at the Sportsman's Lodge.

Response for the Member's Directory is great. Unfortunately, the Local's crystal ball is still out for repair so if you changed your address or phone number, or need to add your e-mail address and you have not sent in your form, please do so as quickly as possible so we can get the

directory out to you in a timely fashion.

You should be getting your copies of the National Low Budget Agreement, the Video Tape Electronics Supplement Agreement (the Green Book) & the Supplemental Digital Agreement (the Pink Book). Please put them in your Contract Binder for quick referencing. As always, if you have any questions regarding these Contracts or anything else that may come up, please feel free to call me at the office.

Even in the best planned life, hardships occur. And with the possibilities of work slowdown or even strikes, some of our members may be faced with life-changing decisions. For that reason, even as a last ditch effort to help out our brother and sister members, we are starting up the 728 Food Bank. We are still working out the details but for now, to get it started we need donations. Canned and dry goods are a good start. Toilet paper, cleaning supplies or diapers ... anything that you think someone would need or could use to get through a slump would be greatly appreciated. We are here to help our brothers and sisters, and what better way to help them and their families during a crisis.



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. (SHARP) ON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 2007

AT IATSE LOCAL 44,

12021 RIVERSIDE DR., NORTH HOLLYWOOD,

ALL MEMBERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

PLEASE BRING YOUR UNION CARD.

Quarterly Retiree Gathering .









Local 728 Retirees recently met at the Motion Picture Home in Woodland Hills for their first official quarterly gathering. While lunch and light refreshments were on tap, tall tales and some good-natured ribbing was definitely the main course. The group ate, reminisced and laughed for several hours in the relaxed setting.

Congratulations to the following Members who have retired (to date) this year

Norman George Lang, January 2 Ernest R. Enriquez, January 5 Eugene Glick, January 9 Frank D. Tobin, January 10 Richard C. Alarian, January 16 Patrick J. Fennell, January 16 James G. Plannette, January 16 Kenneth L. Spencer, January 23 Herbert Reubin Hughes, March 28 Raymond Patrick Reilly, March 28 John W. De Blau, April 13 Paul J. Caven, June 29 Lawrence Gilhooly, June 29 Richard T. Hart, June 29 Richard P. Kamins, June 29 David I. Schwartz, July 2 Alvin D. Presley, July 12

Don't miss the next Local 728 Retiree Get Together!

September 19, 2007 * 11:00 a.m.

the Sportsman's Lodge
A deli-style lunch and classic old stories will be served!

Looking for a Home Loan or to Refinance?



Call Maria Cardoza-Pleasant at Union Plus Mortgage.

Maria can explain the many benefits offered
to union members

818-226-0750

ELECTION NOTICE

Upcoming Election of Officers

Please be aware that there will be

Nominations for Election of Officers at the September Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. IATSE Local 44 Office Building, 12021 Riverside Drive, North Hollywood

FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

1 - Vice President

- 1 Treasurer/Call Steward
- 3 Executive Board Members

Election Guidelines

Section 4 – WRITE-INS No write-ins shall be allowed. **Section 5 – NOMINATIONS FOR ONE OFFICE ONLY**

No member shall be permitted to accept a nomination for more than one (1) office, this not to include nominations for election of delegates to conventions or Central Labor Council.

Section 6 - NOMINATIONS AND REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

a). In order to assure the most democratic nominations possible, all nominations will take place on the floor at the Membership meeting regardless of odd or even year, and that notice of such nominations to take place shall be put in Local 728 monthly newsletter "THE BULLETIN" prior to the meeting.
b). Any Member working in our jurisdiction, on the day of nomination, may

b). Any Member working in our jurisdiction, on the day of nomination, may send the Local a written request to place his name in nomination for any office; said request to be placed in nomination by the presiding officer of the meeting.

Section 7 – ELIGIBILITY

A person must have been a member of Local 728 for a period of two (2) years before he can become a candidate for any office, and further must be in good standing at the time of nomination. A member in good standing shall be any person who is not in arrears and who neither has voluntarily withdrawn from membership nor become inactive from membership nor has been expelled or suspended from membership.

Additional Bylaws include:

Section 3 – RETIRED MEMBERS

I.A. Retired Members shall not hold elective office in Local 728.

Section 4-FAILURE TO ATTEND

Non-salaried Officers who fail to attend three (3) meetings, both Executive Board and Membership within a twelve (12) month period without a satisfactory excuse, in writing, shall be recognized as vacating such office. This Section is not in conflict with Article 17, Section 16 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 8 – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS Section 1 – LENGTH OF TERMS OF OFFICE

President, Vice President, Business Representative-Secretary, Treasurer-Call Steward, Delegates to the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. Convention, Delegates to the Central Labor Council of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO shall be elected as hereinafter provided, and shall hold their office for a period of three (3) years or until their successor has been installed, as thereinafter provided.

To all prospective candidates for the office of Local 728 Treasurer/Call Steward:

The intent of the Executive Board is to split the duties of the office of Treasurer/Call Steward (T/CS). The new offices will be an elected Secretary/Treasurer (Sec/Treas) and appointed Call Steward (CS). The changes to our Constitution must be ratified by the International and approved by our membership. The split will occur once this is finished.

Once the duties of the T/CS are divided, each office will have a new salary structure and responsibilities. New job descriptions will be written outlining each position prior to nominations. A date will be set for the new election. Nominations will be taken just like our current elections.

The currently elected Treasurer/Call Steward will then have to make a decision over which office to retain.

If the choice is to remain as Call Steward then

nothing changes. The current T/CS will still be the Call Steward with the same salary through the end of the elected term. At the end of that three year term (or subsequent resignation) the office will become an appointed office per the new Constitution.

If the current T/CS chooses to run for Sec/Treas then they must resign their current office (T/CS) to run against all other candidates for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. The EB will then be free to appoint a new Call Steward(s) to fill out the remainder of the term.

The resignation will be effective on the day the new officers are sworn in and begin their new duties. This allows the Local continuity of Officers with an efficient and smooth changeover between the old and

new offices. If the current T/CS chooses to resign and run for Sec/Treas and loses, there will be a period of transition. The outgoing officer will remain employed at their current salary for a period of 20 working days after the date of swearing in new officers to train the new officers.

The reason for the resignation is simple. The incumbent should not be allowed to run for Treasurer and keep the Call Steward as a fallback office if not elected. The intent is that the office chosen is the one that the officer enjoys and feels best qualified to perform rather than an ability to revert to a paycheck if not elected.

Please keep in mind these changes as you decide whether or not to accept the nomination for Treasurer/Call Steward.

Where You Were Dismissed

by R. Bruce Prochal, Treasurer - Call Steward

Greetings everybody! I hope you're all rested and ready to get back to work.

As usual, July was very busy the first two weeks with Television Production getting started. Then it leveled off. Now, in August, most of the shows have figured out their manpower requirements and it appears that more of our members are acquiring work.

There are still a considerable number of members on the books. If you are not working and looking for work, call the Local office to see if you are "on the books." In many instances, you may not be "on the books." If you think you forgot to take yourself off the books and are working, please call the Local office.

Let's get to this month's theme, "Where You Were Dismissed."

The Local receives a lot of calls inquiring about "turn-around times" (in the Basic Agreement they are found under "Call-backs"). Turn-around times are always determined by where you were dismissed. Here are the rules.

Dismissed from the studio:
Off production8 hours off
On production9 hours off
Dismissed from local location
(report to location):
Off production10 hours off
On production



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That seems simple enough. Keep in mind, if you are transported to a nearby location from the studio, the studio rules apply. Also, if the show is based at a studio and decides to shoot at another studio (i.e., a show at Sony also has stages at Fox), those changes of venue are not considered report to locations, the studio rules apply.

While these simple rules apply to the vast majority of our work, as always there are exceptions. Those exceptions are found primarily in the low budget contracts and a few national contracts. If you have questions about them or invaded hours (i.e., forced calls), please call the Local office.

In closing, I get questions about the possibility of a Writers strike. Obviously, I cannot predict what will happen, but if it's panic time in Hollywood to stockpile product, it is not happening here, ... yet!

Anyway, its time to go, until next time ... RBP

-Call Steward-INFORMATION

Any Local 728 member representing the producer in filling calls or needing assistance, should contact the Local office during normal business hours. The Local's normal operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you need to hire prior to 8:00 a.m., after 6:00 p.m. or over the weekend, please phone the Call Steward at 818-438-0728.

Members seeking weekend work should call the Steward at the Local on Friday to put your name on the Weekend Availability List.

Anyone who hires off roster or hires any member who is not current with their dues without first calling the Call Steward, shall have charges filed against them and shall be subject to the assessments levied by the Trial Board if found guilty.

Our present contract work week consists of any five (5) consecutive days out of seven (7) consecutive days

SUSPENDED/DROPPED MEMBERS THIRD QUARTER 2007*

*List current as of August 13, 2007

SUSPENDED

BERARDI, PHILIP N. BERNSTEIN, EDWARD B. CASLIN, FRANK C. EDINBURGH, ERIC E. **EUBANKS, JERRY** FRANCHETT, TOM GOLDEN, JACK EDWARD HAESSIG, REID R. HARRIS, WENDELL HINKLE, BRADLEY HUGHES, JOSEPH G. JOACHIM, EARL JORDAN, MICHAEL R. LINDSAY, ROBERT MEDCALF, SCOTT A. MEILANDT, WES NEWBURN, WILLIAM R. ROBERTSON, CHRISTOPHER D. SCHNEIDER, KENNETH SHAIN, NOAH B. STRONG, JAMES K. THOMAS, RAY

TIMMER, BRAD D. TOSCANO, DANIEL TUNNEY, EDWARD T. E.

DROPPED

ADAMS, DAVID B.
DE PERNA, ROBERT J.
DODDS, ADAM J.
ELLISON, CASEY
GLICK, ADAM SETH
HALL, THADDEUS GERALD
HOLT, KENNETH J.
MANTHEY, MARK
MYGATT, JEFFREY C.
POKORNY, MIRO
RICHTER, SHANE M.
SZOPA, PAUL A.
WATSON, JACQUELINE J. JONES
WYCOFF, ERIC

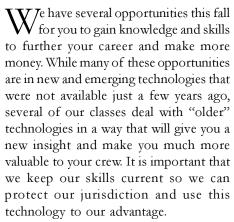
728 RETIREES DROPPED

DIAL JR., HARRY E. LEONETTI, JOSEPH D.

Knowledge Can Help You Make

More Money

by Alan M. Rowe, Safety & Training Director



Lighting Technology is growing at a very rapid pace. Digital Lighting is a perfect example of this accelerated growth. When used as a lighting source, a Media Server (the controller) paired with a Digital Light (such as a DL2) or an LED panel can give our Gaffers an incredible variety of effective and realistic lighting effects. LED technology is low profile and creates little heat so it can be used in small spaces and very close to the actor or scenery. We will be having a class on Media Servers & Digital Lighting on October 6. For more information on this class and if you are interested in seeing any of this technology, please contact me at 818-843-0012 or via email safetyandtraining@iatse728.org.

There are also advances in the soft-ware industry that can greatly enhance your life on set. Vectorworks Spotlight is a computer-aided design program that is tailored to the Entertainment Lighting Industry. Vectorworks Spotlight will produce scale lighting plots, shooting maps, and accurate drawings that you can use to recreate shots. Additionally, Vectorworks Spotlight has powerful 3D capabilities, which allow you to previsualize your lighting set-ups and camera moves. We have three different classes that will get you started using this software.

Not all of your opportunities are in the area of new technology. We have two classes in electrical power that will help you on set. The more you understand

electrical power, the more you can use it to your advantage. Electricity 101 is designed to give you an understanding of electrical power theory as it relates to working on set. Our Electrical Power Lab proves the theory as we go through a series of experiments with harmonics, loop circuits, voltage drop, transformers, electronic dimmers and more without the pressures of being in production. Both of these classes contain knowledge that is essential for anyone who wants to work as a Best Boy or Rigging Gaffer. Next year we plan to add a more "scientific" electrical class to the lineup for those who want a more advanced level class. The Rigging I class focuses on the Codes, Regulations, and Techniques that we use and the knowledge that every Gaffer wants you to have.

The Rigging II class focuses on the advanced knowledge and skills that are required for being a Best Boy or Rigging Gaffer. The Rigging For Wet Locations class focuses on using electricity and lighting equipment in and around water, with an in depth presentation on the use of GFCIs.

You will notice that not all of the classes we offer are listed on the Fall Schedule. Many of our classes (such as Whole Hog II/III, Virtuoso, Horizon, and Expression III) are dependent on instructor and equipment availability and will have to be scheduled as they become available. If you are interested in any of these classes, please let me know and I will contact you when they are scheduled. In addition to these classes, there will also be various seminars scheduled throughout the Fall & Winter, such as our recent Microsoft Excel & Word seminars.

We have several ways for you to keep up to date with these opportunities. First, whenever possible (many events occur with two weeks or less notice) upcoming events will be listed in the Bulletin. The



Lot Stewards will also receive postings on a regular basis about upcoming events as will the website where you can also find a class schedule and other information. However, the most effective way to receive notice about upcoming events is to subscribe to one of the online Yahoo Groups. We currently have three Yahoo Groups that members can join which are specifically designed to help you enhance your career on set. The first is the Training Notification Group. This group is not a discussion group and is only used to send out notices of upcoming events. Some vendor-sponsored events, like the recent Jands Lighting Console Open House, happen with very little notice and this is the best way to instantly become informed. To sign up for this group, send email to: 728Trainingsubscribe@yahoogroups.com.

We also have a Lighting Console Programmers/DMX Technician forum where members can ask questions of other members to help solve problems that can occur with dimming & control technology. To sign up for this group, send an email to: 728ConsoleForum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

The third group is the IATSE 728 Computer Users forum and is dedicated towards using computer technology on set. It is available for members to discuss topics and share ideas about software such as Vectorworks and Microsoft Office. To sign up for this group, send an email to: 728computerusers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up for any of our classes or seminars, please contact me at safetyandtraining@iatse728.org or at 818-843-0012.

Local 728 Training Raffle

This Month's Question

Looking at the cut end of an SJO multi-conductor cable, which of the following conductor configurations would designate the MALE end of the cable?

- A. White Up, Black Right
- B. White Down, Green Right
- C. Green Up, White Right
- D. Black Down, Green Right

To enter, please send a standard size postcard with your name and answer to Local 728 (14629 Nordhoff St., Panorama City, CA 91402). Entries must be received by Sept. 7, 2007. The winner will be drawn at the October Executive Board meeting. Contest is limited to IATSE Local 728 Members in good standing. Members can win only one prize in any 12 consecutive-month period.

The Prize

A Pair of high quality wire strippers, the Seatek Strip-All SA-200S & SA 200L







ergonomically designed to make a cinch of stripping the jacket of many cables such as: plenum, computer & communication, line cord, Romex/NM (flat or round), coax, Category 5 plus many more! Ring and straight cuts are easily accomplished on a multitude of cables from 1/4" to 7/8" O.D. A handy built in wire stripper eliminates the need to reach for another tool. Use the folding knife blade to quickly cut off the Romex jacket and paper filler. Very safe, easy to use, high quality tool. The STRIP-ALL will give you years of service and you'll be wondering how you ever got along without it! The SA 200L is a larger size and will strip up to 7/8" cables.



Congratulations to recent raffle winner member Alex Jaworski. Alex attended the the July Membership Meeting and picked up his prize.

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