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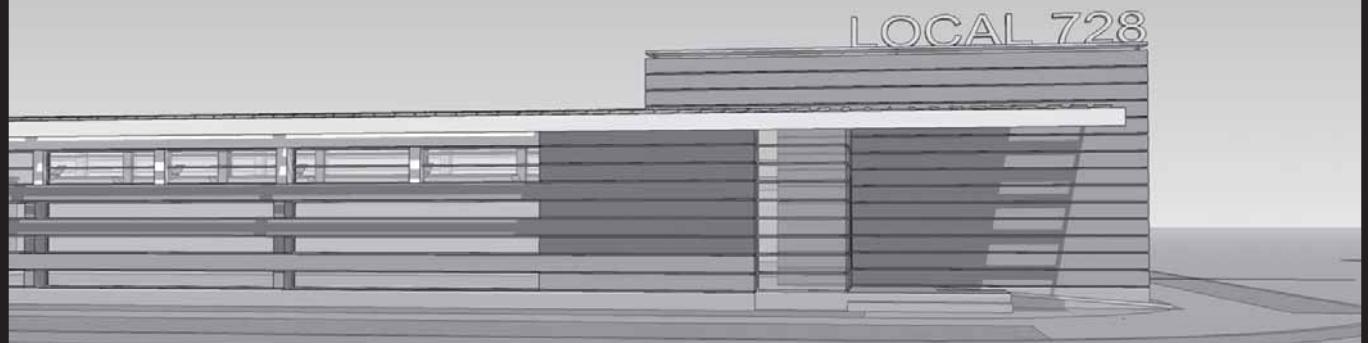
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VISIT OUR WEB SITE OR CALL THE LOCAL ASAP FOR INFORMATION**

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New Building is something we can all be proud of

by
Dennis K. Grow,
President



At this writing, I'm in Las Vegas at the Local 728 booth at LDI 2008. LDI is the premier tradeshow event in the entertainment lighting industry. I am surprised and happy to see just how many of our members made the trip to attend. More details next month.

In this issue we are finally able to bring to you some details of our new home. Word is that Burbank is excited about what we are doing with the building. I've included a current photo and architectural rendering of the building's spacious hall which will serve as our Membership Room. There's much more information, including additional renderings, photos and the floor plan on Pages 4 and 5.

Our new offices will be something we can all be proud of. We'll be updating you as we progress and highlighting the construction phase in future Bulletins.

Our Holiday Party was so much fun last year that we are going to do it again this year! This time it will be at

the Montrose Bowl. We will have the whole place to ourselves, with more choices to eat and drink. A DJ will be spinning records. Again bowling, shoes, food and drinks are free. Plan on bringing your family for an evening of fun.

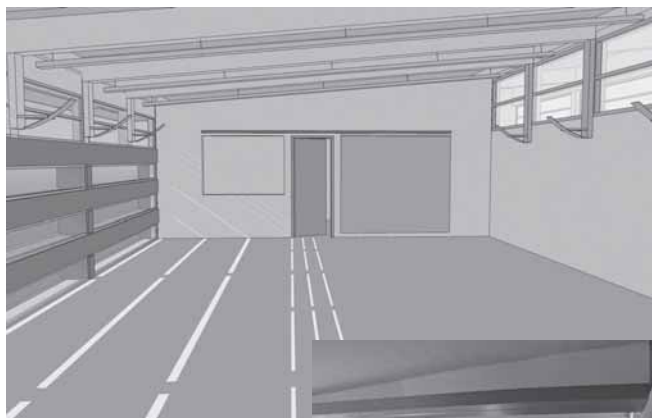
Scholarship forms must be submitted before the end of the year. If you have a child graduating from high school this year, call the Local and we will send you a form. Let us help you help them with their education.

If you haven't returned your Directory form, do so now. If you don't, only your phone number will be in the Membership Directory. None of your information from last year's directory will be used.

We will be re-designing our web site. If you have web design skills and wish to help, please contact David Watson (mr728@dslexreme.com) or Renee Kayon (renee728@gmail.com).

Fraternally,

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The rendering and photo on the left highlight Magnolia's 'great room' - a super space that will be used for Local meetings and gatherings.



The rear of the well-lit room also features a large kitchen area that can be utilized or closed off during meetings.

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BROTHER REGIS J. DUNN, 89 YEARS OLD, A MEMBER SINCE APRIL 8, 1946, PASSED AWAY OCT. 8, 2008.

FIRST NOTICE

GABRIEL BARELA, JEREMY BRYDEN, ERIC CASTRO, JAMES KING, KILLE KNOBEL, CARLOS ORTIZ, WILLIAM REID, JANINE SILVER, JOSEPH SUAREZ AND PAUL WITTENBERGER.

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NEW MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER WHO WAS SWORN IN ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2008: **ERIC STOLIKER.**

WWW

ATTENTION

**DEVELOPERS
DESIGNERS
PROGRAMMERS**

**MEMBERS!!! WE NEED YOUR
TALENT & EXPERTISE FOR A
RE-DESIGN OF THE 728 WEBSITE**

Please contact:
renee728@gmail.com

MEETING NOTICE

**ATTENTION
ALL MEMBERS
THE NEXT**

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

**SATURDAY,
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How your MP and IA plans are holding up during this Economic Crisis

*by Patric J. Abaravich,
Business Representative - Secretary*

As the current credit crisis spreads, many of you are probably concerned about your Motion Picture Pension Plan and IAP, or Individual Account Plan.

Your payment (or future payments) from the Defined Benefits Plan is not affected currently by the poorly performing financial market. Your promised benefits is based on a formula of hours worked and years of service. Even now the plan is well funded and in no danger of any problems.

The IAP is what is called a Defined Contribution Plan, like a 401K. This money is contributed by employers on a percentage of your scale wages. This fund, held in your name, is subject to the fluctuations of the market. When you retire, you receive whatever your account is worth at that time.

Both the IAP and the Defined Pension Plan has performed in the top 1 percent in the jointly trusted universe for the past 3, 5, and 10-year periods and are conservatively invested for Taft-Hartley plans. The IAP has around 30 percent in equities. And the Defined Benefit Plan is about 40 percent.

As of last week, the year-to-date IAP is down 15 percent and Defined Benefit Plan is down 18 percent. The health plan – although in trouble because of constantly skyrocketing health costs – is not suffering further because of the market's decline. This plan operates not on investment income, but more simply on a cash-in, cash-out basis.

The plan will, of course, be sending your personal statements after the first of the year and has updates through their own newsletter for your benefit.

Additionally, early in October there was a special multi-local lot steward/ executive board seminar. The information regarding our health plans was discussed at length and many handouts were distributed. As soon as possible, I will get those handouts posted on the web site. Check the Local 728 web site in the near future for that information.

In the meantime, I will keep you updated on any developments as they arise.

4th Quarter 2008 Suspended & Dropped Members*

Suspended:

ALLEN JR., ROBERT E.
BANDY, JAMES E.
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CARTER, DAVID ALLEN
CORTEZ, ERIC ARNOLD
CURTIS, D. RICK
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DUVAL, JUSTIN
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MARQUEZ, MICHAEL S.
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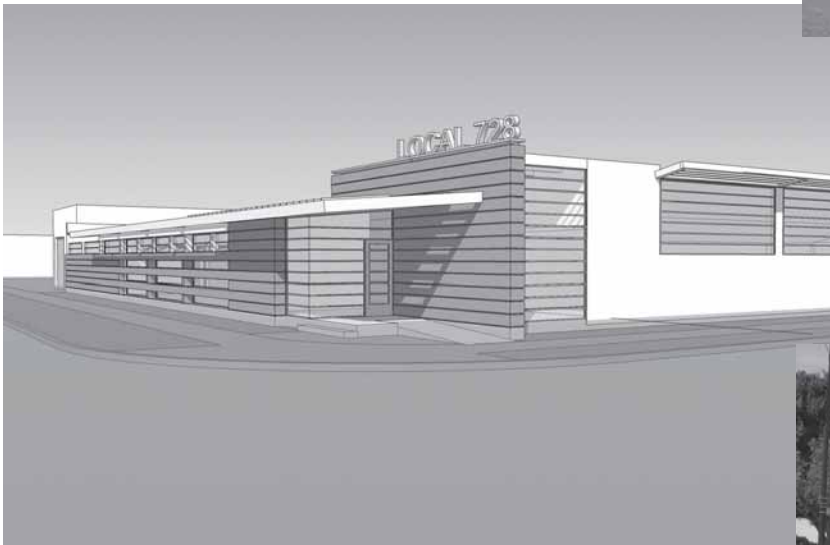
* List current as of
October 22, 2008

1001 W. MAGNOLIA THE FUTURE



Local 728 purchased the former American Red Cross building at 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd. (below) earlier this year. The building has been vacant since the purchase which allowed a team of designers and construction specialists the opportunity to examine the structural soundness of the building. To date, the design plans have been submitted to the City of Burbank for review. Architects are currently working with mechanical, electrical and plumbing consultants and said that by the time the city's plan check is done the engineering portion of the construction plans will be completed.

Architect John Cambianica of the firm CBA Partnership explained that the existing building is 'pseudo Wrightian' - as in famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The original building doesn't have a lot of architectural merit, he noted. "Our design emphasis went into reinforcing that esthetic. We'll carry with the original concept and make it stronger to complete what the original design was alluding to."

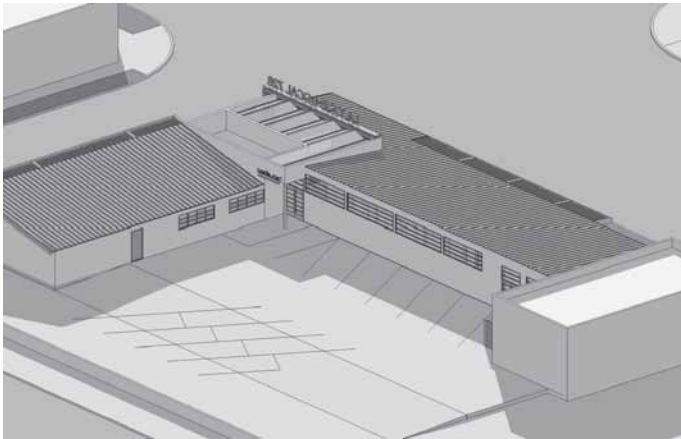


If all goes well, the city's plan check should be completed in mid-November. Once the plans are approved and a building permit secured, the project goes out for competitive bid to general contractors. That's another time-consuming step but an important one that shouldn't be rushed, the designers noted. Construction could - if the process moves along smoothly - begin in the first six months of 2009.

One of the highlights of the new building will be the use of a lot of natural light. Its distinctive 'L' shape also makes it a "very friendly, functional layout that should be a fun space to work in," Cambianica noted. The structure also features a unique, long hallway that will be turned into a gallery which will display lighting fixtures used throughout the history of the entertainment industry.



BLVD., BURBANK IS HERE



This architectural rendering shows an aerial view of the rear of the building. While the structure features two easily-accessible entrances and ample parking, one of the most exciting aspects of the construction process will be “going green” with the building. Local 728 is working closely with the architects carefully choosing contractors experienced with LEED’s projects - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED certifications are issued by the United States Green Building Council and exemplify

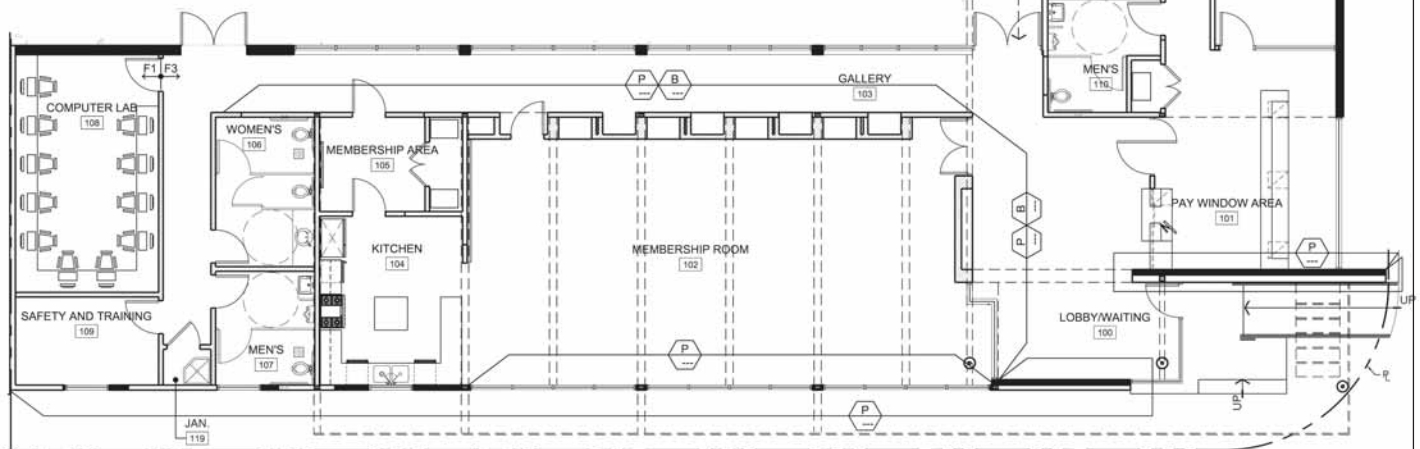
buildings whose efficient design and construction saves energy and conserves resources. The Local has chosen consultant Blair Seibert from Verde Concepts to work them on the LEED’s

certification. Additionally, Local 728 member Michael Parsons will be doing the installation of the building’s solar panels.

Experts in the field agree that the best ‘green’ strategies can achieve multiple objects, like saving money in the long run. There are a number of ways to go ‘green’ including site, water, energy, materials and resources used, and indoor environmental quality. Choosing a ‘green’ strategy in the design process gives the Local more opportunities to incorporate as many aspects as

possible. Moreover, owning a ‘green’ building enhances public image and increases the market value of the property while lowering operating and maintenance costs.

Floor plan and layout of the finished building



Have a Great Holiday Season

*By R. Bruce Prochal,
Treasurer/Call Steward*

Greetings everybody! This is the state of work in Hollywood as I see it. Very, very little work is coming through the Local to pass on to our members.

Hollywood has only a few small features (as of this date, which happens to be 15 October, 2008). Television, both network and cable, appear to be fairly saturated. However, if you are really hurting for work (and I know, from your phone calls, that many of you are), television is where to look. I have been recommending to everyone I speak with to call the members they know who work television. Call every member you know who works primarily on network television and cable shows.

A very large amount of members have been calling me to find out, "What is going on with the actors?" i.e. SAG. I can understand this because little information about the negotiations has been distributed.

Significant changes have happened in the SAG's Executive Board in the last few weeks. In my opinion, in the latter part of October Hollywood may see a change in the SAG's negotiations and hopefully a solidified agreement. An agreement would, hopefully, green light a flurry of work early next year, next spring and throughout all of next year.

In brief, this is how it looks to me sitting in my box. If you want to talk about it, call me at the office.

Let's get to this article's theme, Have a Great Holiday Season.

The holiday season will be soon upon us. Recent newspapers have been reporting that BIG discount stores, such as Walmart (which I hope a good union member would refuse as a place to shop), have placed Christmas goods next to Halloween merchandise. What a sacrilege!!!

It's bad enough that the Friday after Thanksgiving is basically a feeding frenzy for Christmas shopping. Putting Christmas goods out prior to that just doesn't seem right.

So, with that in mind, how can anybody "Have a Great Holiday Season?"

You should all be aware that there is a major global financial crisis occurring right now. Individually, we have no way to control it. However, this crisis will impact all of us, especially during the soon-approaching holiday season. Let's take a rational and realistic approach to the situation.

In recent weeks on television, radio, newspapers, etc., I have seen, heard and read many suggestions as to how to survive the current financial crunch. I would like to pass a few of them to our members.

Number one would be to spend within your means. Determine if you will have the money to pay for the gifts. If you make a purchase on a credit card, will you be able to pay it off during the next billing cycle? If you can, go for it. If not, think twice about it. Credit card interest rates keep increasing and, if you do not keep a near zero balance, you may be paying more than you thought.

Also, be wary of debit cards and checks. With the communication devices available to retailers now, debit cards and checks are becoming the same as cash and your account could be debited at the point of a transaction. Credit cards are not far behind, but you will have some wiggle room because of the monthly billing.

Number two is the question, "How much do I really need to spend on the person who is to receive the gift?"

You decide how much to spend.

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.

Is it someone you see daily/weekly or once a year? Are they a business connection or associate? If so, what you spend may be worth it. If they are family or children, I will not go there, but for anybody else, really consider your relationship.

In many cases, a greeting card may be the answer.

Number three, if you do get into financial trouble, please call the Local. We will not have all the solutions to your situation, but we may be able to direct you to an organization that may be able to assist you.

In closing, forget the money aspect the holidays present. Take a few moments for yourself and truly think about what you have to be thankful for.

Think about the things that money cannot buy, such as your family, especially children, and friends and past memories.

Hopefully, you are lucky enough to not be financially stressed, but, if you are, think positively that this too will pass.

On that note, have a great holiday season.

I've got to go... RBP

Petty thieves, safety and regular inspections

by Alan M. Rowe,
Safety & Training Director



As trite as it sounds, safety is all of our concern. It is important that we watch out for safety issues in other departments and the facilities where we work. Last month I responded to three incidents where our members were concerned with the rigging of 480V power at different facilities. These rigs were provided by the facility and not by our members or members of IBEW Local 40. Fortunately, these concerns were addressed early enough to prevent injury, though there was one “near miss.” If you suspect any problem with 480V power or any other safety issue, please call me any time at 818-843-0012.

Regular inspection of our equipment is an important part of our job, though it is often difficult due to budget constraints or shooting pressure. Regardless, it is our responsibility and obligation to ensure that the equipment that we are using is safe, not only for ourselves, but also for the other people we work with. One area where this is easily seen is with practical fixtures. Every practical fixture should be inspected and tested by qualified personnel prior to being energized. Not only is this common sense, it is required by code.

Regular inspection also applies to our distribution system as well as our lamps. Cables should be inspected as they are laid out and the entire system should have a walkthrough every day. This is especially true on location. Due to the rising cost of copper, cables have become a target of petty thieves who are equally willing to steal the neutral, as they are a phase leg. Other things to look out for are items that may have been placed on the cable,

unanticipated water, missing or damaged crossovers, loose or open connections, and flattened/damaged spots in the cable. A good sense of smell can also alert you to loose fitting connectors.

Regular inspection is also very important in long-term rigs. Over time, cable picks can wear away insulation on cables feeding moving trusses and create a ground fault situation that can energize the rig or damage the chain of a chain motor. Periodically, these cables should be thoroughly inspected and replaced if necessary.

These are just a few topics concerning equipment inspection. There is obviously much more to cover on this topic than we can discuss in this article. If you would like more information, please let me know.

We need your feedback. If you have any suggestions for classes or seminars,

I would like to hear them. Additionally, we are here if you would like specific training for your crew. Please contact me at 818-843-0012 or amrowe@iatse728.org for more information.

To be notified of upcoming training opportunities, please sign-up for our Training Notification Mailing List. This email list is notification only of upcoming events, including opportunities that may not be able to be posted in The Bulletin. You can sign up for this mailing list by sending an email to: 728Training-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

CLASSES ARE FREE TO ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH LOCAL 728

Nov/Dec/Jan TRAINING SCHEDULE

Plotting/Visualization/Archive*	Nov 01
Electrical Systems Planning/Management*	Nov 15
Vectorworks I	Nov 15
480V Power Systems*	Nov 22
Adv. Power Theory*	Nov 22
DMX Networking*	Dec 06
Ethernet Protocols*	Dec 06
Electrical Power Lab*	Dec 13
Vectorworks II	Dec 13
Fixture Technician*	Dec 20
HMI/Xenon Technician*	Jan 10
Lighting Console Programming*	Jan 10
Media Servers/Digital Lighting	Jan 24
Car Mounts	Jan 31
Vectorworks III	Jan 31

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

November 8
January 17

WEEKDAY CLASSES & SEMINARS

Sign up for the email notification group (below) for immediate notice.

CLASSES BY REQUEST

Are available for individuals & crews. Please contact the Training Office for more details

*Indicates this class is part of the larger Entertainment Electrician Course

For location information and to sign up for classes, please contact the Training Office 818-843-0012 or via email at safetyandtraining@iatse728.org.

To receive immediate notices of classes and seminars as they are scheduled, send an email to: 728Training-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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Holiday Party 2008

**SATURDAY
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Free Bowling & Shoes
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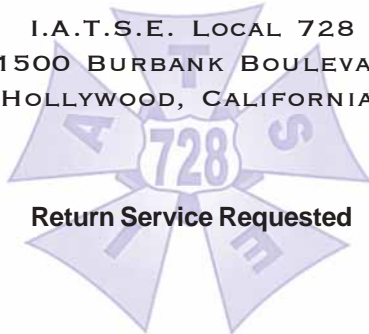
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Invitation design by Local 728 member Renee Kayon

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