

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

*Notice:*

**General Membership Meeting Saturday, January 25th!**

A rep. from MPI will be making a short presentation about year-end obligations. They will be available for in-person questions before the meeting and until the meeting's end. RSVP details to follow!

## **Disaster Assistance and Emergency Resources**

(see Union Resources section for additional information)

### **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

The IATSE and the Locals of the West Coast have combined resources into this link that will be updated regularly. <https://iatse.net/socal-fires/>

### **Disaster Assistance Links**

[Fire Insurance Information](#)

[Shelters by Region](#)

[Emergency Resources](#)

**For those who have lost their homes:**

[FEMA](#)

### **Linked In Learning**

I wanted to pass on this valuable resource that you are entitled to as an IATSE

Local 728 member. Linked In Learning has a vast number of classes in Excel, Word, Photoshop, Unreal, and thousands of others.

You can use the learning library to find content in an area of your choice without searching for specific keywords. Learn how to browse for content under the and business, creative, and technology sections based on subjects, software, and learning paths.

In unity,



Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

### **Member-to-Member(M2M) Dues Donation Program**

IATSE Local 728 Active, non-retired members in financial need can sign up to receive a quarter's dues donation from another member who is willing to donate one or more quarter's dues.

Members who would like to be "donor" members can sign-up to be on a "donor" list.

The process is entirely anonymous and randomized.

**Contact the office to get on the "donor" or "recipient" list or text 818.918.2728.**

**Be sure to specify "receive" or "donate" and if you wish to donate more than one dues payment, please tell us how many you wish to donate.**

Details about the program can be found at the following link: [Member-to-Member Dues Donation](#)

## **IATSE Local 728 Hardship Fund**

At our recent November Membership Meeting, changes to our new Local 728 Hardship Fund Loan program were announced. Now to qualify for an interest free loan of up to \$2,500.00, a member needs only to show that they have had \$9,000.00 or less in gross income from covered work in the industry in the past 90 days.

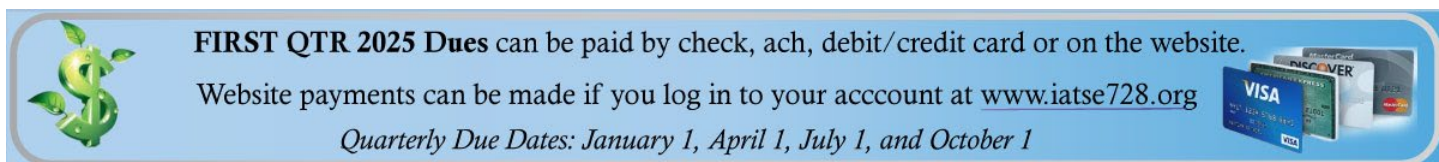
The loan is repayable within one year from the date issued. A member cannot have any other debt to the Local and may not be more than 2 quarters in arrears on their membership dues. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.iatse728.org/blog/local-728-hardship-fund>

If you have any questions about the program or your qualifications, please call me at the Local 818-954-0728.

In solidarity,



Pascal M. Guillemard  
Treasurer-Call Steward  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



## IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The Bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- LDI 2024- Las Vegas
- We Are California
- Signs of A Better New Year
- Service is the Heart of Unionism
- 2025: What You Need to Know About Classes

Log-in required to view content: [The Bulletin No.10](#)



**Photos from behind the scenes at Live Design International  
& a look at the LDI Lighting Technology Meetup group  
spearheaded by Local 728 Lighting Programmer Ben Dynice**

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## **IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Program**

Information for the 2025 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is now available on the website. The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 Office is **Friday, February 7, 2025**.

[Scholarship Programs | IATSE Local 728](#)

If you would like to contribute to the IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund to help educate future generations, you can mail or drop off a check at the Local 728 office. The fund is NOW a 501c3 and your donation is tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to: IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund


## *Upcoming Events*

### **The Kingdom Day Parade is Almost Here!**

IATSE Local 728 has proudly marched in this celebration since 2010, and we'd love for you to join us this year! 🌟

 **When:** Saturday, January 18th

 **What to Wear:** Your favorite IATSE Local 728 gear & comfortable shoes!

 **Can't march?** No problem! Limited seats are available on the LAFed bus. Let's show up strong, make some noise, and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. together! See you there! 🙌 ✨

**Please RSVP Here:** <https://forms.gle/6SgHzbcu5MY17oxKA>

MARCH WITH IATSE LOCAL 728 IN THE

*40th Annual*

# KINGDOM DAY PARADE



**WHEN: SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2025**

**CALL: 7:40AM HOT BREAKFAST: 8AM**

**PARADE MARCH: 9AM-NOONISH**

**IATSE 728 LUNCH SOCIAL: 12:30pm-Till**

RSVP



# *Union Resources*

## **IATSE-WDS Disaster Relief**

First, we hope you are all safe. The local stands ready to support you during this trying time. I have resources to share.

President Loeb and the IATSE have activated the Disaster Relief Committee. Attached please find the application for the Walsh, DiTolla, Spivak Foundation (WDS) for members affected by the winds and fires. There are funds available to offset evacuation expenses. Send completed applications to the Business Representative.

[Walsh, DiTolla, Spivak Foundation Catastrophic Relief](#)

Many members have offered their homes for the evening. If you need a place to crash, call the hall.

## **Resources and support for Members Affected by Southern California Wildfires:**

[California Preparedness Resources](#)

[City of LA Emergency Resources](#)

[CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection](#)

[Los Angeles Region American Red Cross](#)

[California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)

[MPTF Financial Assistance](#)

## **For day shelters, please consider:**

IATSE Local 728:

[https://maps.app.goo.gl/yCgrJ4g2WnyKrknMA?g\\_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy](https://maps.app.goo.gl/yCgrJ4g2WnyKrknMA?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy)

Volt Lites:

[https://maps.app.goo.gl/9TNoV5F3H6TGK4WF7?g\\_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy](https://maps.app.goo.gl/9TNoV5F3H6TGK4WF7?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy)

Outpost LA:

[https://maps.app.goo.gl/LVRUjeKsCiXtfHid7?g\\_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy](https://maps.app.goo.gl/LVRUjeKsCiXtfHid7?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy)

Additionally, Local 80 has opened their stage as a relief shelter. Please call Local 80 (818.526.0700) for additional information:

[https://maps.app.goo.gl/yzELQZXeFeKsZnB9A?g\\_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy](https://maps.app.goo.gl/yzELQZXeFeKsZnB9A?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy)

### **Additional Signatory Resource:**

LiteGear is offering their Conference Center for Day Shelter. In addition they're collecting basic needs donations.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BNaNzhfgE3Udy54QA>

### **New Provider Alert-Alliance Wellness Care**

Barriers to access for in-network psychiatrists continue to be significant; the wait time for a UCLA Behavioral Health Associates psychiatrist is several months.

Alliance Wellness Care, a new MPI in-network outpatient psychiatry practice is now available with locations in Encino, Inglewood, and the MPTF campus. Call 747-264-9202 for details.

### **Entertainment Community Fund-Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment**

From November 1, 2024, to January 31, 2025, the Affordable Care Act will be in open enrollment period and the Entertainment Community Fund can help.

[Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment 2024-2025 | Entertainment Community Fund](#)

### **MPTF/ECF Insurance Services**

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)



## **Mental Health Tools and Resources**

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

## **IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits**

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

**Log-in required to view content:** [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

# *IATSE PAC*

## **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! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

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



# *In Memoriam*

## **Brother Robert “Robby” Redner**

A 27-year member of IATSE Local 728, Brother Redner passed away on January 5, 2025.

[Notice of member passing: Brother Robert "Robby" Redner](#)

## IN MEMORIAM

*Brother Robert “Robby” Redner*



A member since February 24, 1997

Passed away on January 5, 2025

He was 54 years old