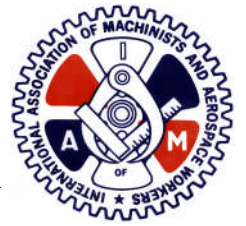




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Labor Day History

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

Gate Collection Next Friday

The members of the Ironmaking Dept. will be at the gates next Friday (9/9/11) collecting for a fellow member. Dave Napier has been off work the last few months due to heart complications. Dave is a 10-year employee and depends on his income to help support his daughter and grandchildren. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

2012 IAM Scholarship Competition

The 2012 IAM Scholarship Competition is now taking applications. Scholarships are awarded to Members, Members' Children (college), and Members' Children (Vocational/Trade School). To apply you can pick up an application from the Union Hall or you can simply download a form from the IAM website www.goiam.org. You will find it under Headquarters/Scholarships. Good luck to anyone who enters!

Have You Moved? Update Your Address and Phone

We recently received a call from Debbie Garrett at AK Payroll asking us to remind members who have recently moved that they have to update their address with the company. Just filling out a change of address card at the post office will not fix the problem, you must go to Door 9 and fill out a change of address card. While making your rounds, please be sure to stop in the Union Hall and update your contact information here as well.

Community Services Raffle

Tickets are now available for the October Raffle. Prizes include a Craftsman snow blower valued at \$800, a Glock model 27 handgun valued at \$600, and a four night stay at Hidden Mountain Resort in Gatlinburg, TN valued at \$600. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Union Hall or by contacting your Union Steward. The drawing will be held at the October 13th membership meeting.

Membership Meeting

September's Membership Meeting will be held Thursday September 8th at 4 p.m. at the Union Hall. We believe the By-Law committee will have a draft of the proposed by-laws to read at this meeting.

3rd Annual Middletown Veterans Memorial Golf Outing

This charitable golf outing will help fund the Veterans Memorial Scholarship Fund. All money raised will go to the scholarship fund to assist area veterans and their families to further their education. We can give back to the veterans and their families that have sacrificed so much for us. The outing is a 4 man scramble format and will be held at Weatherwax Golf Course on October 1st. Please contact Neil Douglas or Andy Hounshell to sign up. The cost is \$75 a person or \$300 a foursome. Hole sponsorships are available for your business for \$100. There will be door prizes, longest drive and closest to the pin contests, awards, 50/50 raffle, and dinner and drinks. Come on out for a great time and a chance to win some prizes.

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