



Greetings I'On At Home members,

A history of Labor Day

For many of us Labor Day focuses on gathering with friends and family, hosting barbecues, saying goodbye to summer and taking advantage of hot retail sales. But this national holiday has revolutionary origins.

By the late 19th century, the Industrial Revolution made working life miserable for people around the world. In many places, workers toiled for 12 hours a day six days a week in mines, factories, railroads, and mills. Children were especially exploited as cheap laborers who were less likely to strike. Sweatshops locked workers in small, crowded spaces, and punished them for talking or singing as they worked.



Spinner/age 10 - Globe Cotton Mill, Augusta, Georgia, 1909

Outrage at these conditions galvanized the burgeoning labor movement, which organized strikes and rallies in the 1860s and 1870s. On May 1, 1886, in what came to be known as the Haymarket Riot, workers flooded Chicago streets to demand an eight-hour workday. The demonstrations lasted for days, punctuated by scuffles between workers and police. On May 4, after police ordered a crowd to disperse, a bomb detonated. Seven police officers and up to eight civilians were killed.



In 1889, an international gathering of socialists in Paris officially declared May Day a holiday honoring workers' rights. U.S. President Grover Cleveland feared May Day "would become a memorial to the Haymarket radicals." He pressed state legislatures to select a September date to celebrate American labor. By 1894, about half of U.S. states had adopted Labor Day.

It would take another clash in the American Midwest to make Labor Day a federal holiday. On May 11, 1894, workers at the Pullman Palace Car Company, a rail car manufacturer near Chicago, went on strike to protest their wages that were cut by 25% and 16-hour workdays. On June 22, members of the powerful American Railway Union joined their struggle by refusing to move Pullman's cars from one train to another, thus crippling rail traffic across the country. It affected most rail lines west of Detroit and at its peak involved some 250,000 workers in 27 states



Becoming a national holiday

In an effort to conciliate organized labor, President Grover Cleveland and Congress designated Labor Day as a federal holiday. Legislation for the holiday was pushed through Congress six days and became official on June 28, 1894.

Although the holiday is often described as a conciliatory gesture at a time of crisis, Cleveland was hardly an ally to the Pullman strikers. On July 3, just days after signing the bill, he ordered federal troops to Chicago to end the boycott. The arrival of 6,000 US Army and state troops, 3,100 police officers and 5,000 deputy marshals in Chicago could not suppress the violence. National Guardsmen fired into a mob July 7, killing 30 strikers and wounding 57. Gradually the strike ended and trains resumed their normal schedules, and federal troops were pulled out July 20.

Labor Day's legacy

Now, more than a century later, Labor Day is firmly entrenched on the American calendar – but it does still come with at least one, much smaller, controversy: the old fashion debate over whether it's taboo to wear white after Labor Day.

Editor's Note: the story of Labor Day was "borrowed" with great appreciation from the following sources: The History Channel, Wikipedia, The National Geographic, Time and the Washington Post.



***Look for the September issue of Stroll magazine featuring
your IAH friends in your mailbox this week!***



Great IAH events coming your way!

Your IAH program committee has been hard at work planning a Fall schedule that is filled with great events and activities. Now that summer is coming to a close and most members are back home in I'On, check out the IAH calendar, pick your events and enjoy!

Below find a sample of upcoming activities that are available to you.

*Click on the **Blue Bar** at the bottom of this Weekly Update for event details and sign up information.*

We look forward to seeing you.

SEPTEMBER 2023



FREE

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CROQUET GAME- COME JOIN THE FUN!

SUN 09 / 03 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Sunday

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FREE

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP - POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA

TUE 09 / 05 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Tuesday

05



FREE

WEEKLY IAH BIKING GROUP THURSDAYS - SEP. 7, 14, 21 & 28

THU 09 / 07 / 2023 AT 8:00 AM

Interest Group

Members only (login required)

No RSVP required

Thursday

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FREE

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PANEL DISCUSSION

THU 09 / 07 / 2023 AT 2:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday

07



FREE

OPERA'S "GREATEST HITS" COMES TO I'ON AT HOME

FRI 09 / 08 / 2023 AT 6:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Friday
08



FREE

WELCOME BACK LADIES TEA PARTY

THU 09 / 14 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday
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FREE

BOARD MEETING

TUE 09 / 19 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

Board or Committee Meeting

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Tuesday
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FREE

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY: CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

WED 09 / 20 / 2023 AT 1:30 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday
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ALL ABOARD FOR AFTERNOON GAMES!

THU 09 / 21 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday

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SEWEE: A CHARLESTON TRADITION! COME GET A TOUR OF THEIR NEW ART GALLERY.

WED 09 / 27 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday

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DRIVEWAY DRINKS

THU 09 / 28 / 2023 AT 5:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday

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OCTOBER 2023



GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP - GLOBAL FAMINE

MON 10 / 02 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Monday
02



A CHOICES EVENT – STRENGTH AND RECOVERY

WED 10 / 04 / 2023 AT 11:00 AM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday
04



WEEKLY IAH BIKING GROUP THURSDAYS - OCT. 5, 12, 19 & 26

THU 10 / 05 / 2023 AT 8:00 AM

Interest Group

Members only (login required)

No RSVP required

Thursday
05



ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME MARGARET.

THU 10 / 05 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday
05



TOUR OF THE VOLVO PLANT

WED 10 / 11 / 2023 AT 10:00 AM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday

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GUIDED TOUR OF THE LONG AWAITED INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM- DON'T MISS THIS!

THU 10 / 12 / 2023 AT 10:45 AM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday

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BOARD MEETING

TUE 10 / 17 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

Board or Committee Meeting

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Tuesday

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A CHOICES EVENT – IMPROVE YOUR BRAIN HEALTH

WED 10 / 25 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday

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PORCH COCKTAILS IN SMALL FUN GROUPS. LIMIT 8 PER HOME

THU 10 / 26 / 2023 AT 5:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday

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NOVEMBER 2023



WEEKLY IAH BIKING GROUP THURSDAYS - NOV 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

THU 11 / 02 / 2023 AT 8:00 AM

Interest Group

Members only (login required)

No RSVP required

Thursday
02



FAST FRIENDS!

THU 11 / 02 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday
02



GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP - IRAN AT A CROSSROADS

MON 11 / 06 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Monday
06



DRIVEWAY DRINKS

THU 11 / 09 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday
09



FREE

LET'S VISIT MEPKIN ABBEY AND VIEW THE WONDERFUL CRECHES!

WED 11 / 15 / 2023 AT 10:00 AM

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday

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**IAH
Board
Meeting**

FREE

BOARD MEETING

TUE 11 / 21 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

Board or Committee Meeting

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Tuesday

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***CLICK HERE to see the latest information on
upcoming IAH events and programs.***