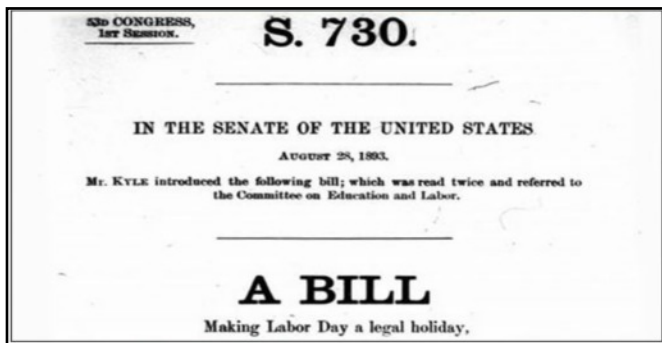


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So Just What is Labor Day?



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.

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Zenere Project Highlights

As the years go by, Zenere's list of contacts grows longer and longer. With the large number of projects and activities filling the Zenere schedule, the number of human interest stories increases as well. One such project is the building and maintenance of the Ronald McDonald House in Winfield, Illinois.

By now, most people are aware of the fact that the Ronald McDonald house provides housing for the families of children who are undergoing medical treatment at facilities that are far from home.

Over the past several months, Zenere has had the thrill of being involved with the excavation, landscaping, and landscape maintenance of the latest Chicago-area facility near the Central DuPage hospital.

We at Zenere are thrilled to be part of such a worthwhile project! While no customer is elevated in importance over our other customers, we do want to give credit to those whose project will benefit mankind in such a wonderful way. As McDonald's would want us to say, "We're lovin' it!"





The Latest Construction Tech



What would you do if you had to investigate an exterior wall leak on the 6th floor of a building that did not have room for a boom lift? When the Rogers-O'Brien Construction company faced this dilemma they chose to purchase a "quadcopter" drone and were able to get close up photos of the building in about 30 minutes time.

Across the country, hundreds of construction companies are anxiously awaiting some news from the FAA regarding their application for a commercial drone exemption. While much of the public is aware of Amazon's efforts to use drones for shipping, many do not realize the importance of these drones in the construction industry.

One can easily come up with dozens of potential uses for a drone in construction situations that would be too dangerous or practically impossible for a laborer using currently available equipment. Imagine, for example, a dispute between a site superintendent and a customer or subcontractor. If one party wants proof of progress quickly, they simply need to send a drone to take photos of the project from several angles. Photos can then be easily sent to interested parties in a matter of minutes and the dispute is solved. Imagine other possibilities. Need to check on workers to see whether they are wearing proper safety equipment? Need to check on rooftop AC units? Need to check or maintain a tower or crane?

Though we are still a long way from seeing hundreds of drones in the sky over our heads, the sheer potential of these machines will make it inevitable for them to become an integral part of any construction company's inventory. Necessity is the mother of invention and, apart from government intervention, the timeline for making drones as common as GPS is getting far shorter.

Laugh of the Day

Two older ladies were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress.

One leaned over and said, "Life is so boring. We never have any fun anymore. For \$5.00 I'd take my clothes off right now and streak through that stupid flower show!"

"You're on!" said the other old lady, holding up a \$5.00 bill. As fast as she could, the first little old lady fumbled her way out of her clothes and, completely naked, streaked through the front door of the flower show.

Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause.

The naked lady burst out through the door surrounded by a cheering crowd. "What happened?" asked her waiting friend. "Why, I won first prize for Best Dried Arrangement."

Welcome to Jake Hering!

Zenere is happy to welcome a new staff member. Jake Hering is our newest project manager. He's had plenty of experience with such companies as Carlson Construction, Seal Tight, and Vitelli Concrete. His main tasks with Zenere will involve the oversight of various projects in the Chicago area.

Zenere looks forward to a long and productive relationship with Jake. Welcome aboard!

Strong Man on the Job

The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could out-do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said.

"I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles.

Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, Get in.

Contractor in Heaven

A contractor dies on a fishing accident on his 40th birthday and finds himself greeted at the Pearly Gates by a brass band. Saint Peter runs over, shakes his hand and says "Congratulations!"

"Congratulations for what?" asks the contractor "Congratulations for what?" says Saint Peter. "We are celebrating the fact that you lived to be 160 years old."

"But that's not true," says the consultant. "I only lived to be forty."

"That's impossible," says Saint Peter, "we added up your time sheets!"

September Birthdays

Paul Pennington
Birthday on 9/21

Work Anniversaries
Kurt Kelderhouse
7 years

Noelle Kelderhouse
2 years

Dan Lang
2 years

Phil Rausch
2 years

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