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### BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST ☺

Clyde Mathe	5 <sup>th</sup>	Vi Hanson	9 <sup>th</sup>	James Strawn	12 <sup>th</sup>
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*Happy Birthday!* ☺

### BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER ☺

Greg (I'm Da Baby) Davis	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Lappano	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dore Montes	4 <sup>th</sup>
Myrtice Mitchell	6 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes Partlow	6 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis Blount	8 <sup>th</sup>
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Mae Lamendola	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mildred Norris	29 <sup>th</sup>		

*Happy Birthday!* ☺

### WE CARE

**Get Well Cards** were sent to **Nancy Booth** and **Rosita Huckeba**. For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. - **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)** A **Sympathy Card** was sent to **Mary George** - comfort for the passing of her brother. "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." **Matthew 5:4**

### Attention Readers Of This Newsletter: "Local Chapter Membership" Has Its Rewards And Privileges!

If you're a member please keep your dues (only \$5.00/year) and membership directory information (address/phone number, etc) current! If you are NOT a member of our local chapter ... please consider joining us ... only \$5.00/year! Thank you!

### Note From The President

Our program for August will be Phillip Wyatt, Executive Director, Georgia Child Identification Program (GACHIP), Grand Lodge of Georgia. He will speak of the program and provide a demonstration of the process of the Georgia Child Identification Program. We will listen and later make a decision as to whether or not we wish to participate.

John Echols

### Senior Romance

An older couple was lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep, but his wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep. A few moments later she said, "Then you used to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck."

Angrily, he threw back the bedclothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked.

"To get my teeth!" ☺ **ggd**

## Editor's Notes

Our Newsletter – *Choice* - is online! Visit [www.Choice1952.com](http://www.Choice1952.com)! Please get your newsworthy information to me as soon as possible!

Wow! The comments about the “Member Spotlight” - during the last two issues – has been incredible! Our member’s exciting life experiences have been informative, educational and inspirational!

As **your** Editor I’m open to other suggestions for our newsletter! Additionally, **please contact me to be featured in future newsletters!** I can be reached at **478/318-0471** and/or via e-mail at [gdavismail@gmail.com](mailto:gdavismail@gmail.com)!

Sincerely,

**Greg (I’m Da Baby) Davis ☺ (ggd)**

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## Technology News

Technology is making it easier for baby boomers to monitor their elderly parents.

Armed with everything from sensors, Webcams and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) devices to pendants and bracelets with emergency buttons, caregivers are increasingly relying on technology to keep track of their parents remotely while allowing those seniors to have a sense of independence. While the market for this technology is wildly fragmented and not easily measured, few doubt it's growing.

The technologies on the market are very promising. And what is coming down the pike will be more integrated systems that include monitoring wellness, safety, physiological and medication monitoring all tied together into a personal health record.

Perhaps of greatest interest to technology buffs is what a number of companies are doing to bring various monitoring pieces together. **Home Guardian**, a start-up that came out of a University of Virginia project, for example, is working on a detector that uses floor sensors, rather than a device strapped to the body, to detect when someone falls.

Studies have shown that **the greatest fear the elderly have is falling**. And **the second greatest fear**, especially for those living alone, **is they won't get help quickly**.

Home Guardian sensors are designed to feed information into a personal computer, which transmits the information to either a monitoring service or caregiver.

Home Guardian, which has yet to set a price for the system, expects to license the technology to home health care monitoring companies, or home health agencies, which in turn will provide it to consumers.

**Webcams** to monitor seniors inside their homes are also hitting the market. Although the webcams feature a privacy button, it can be overridden by the account holder.

There needs to be a trust factor. For example; if your mother pushes the privacy button, there needs to be some agreement the person or service provider will honor it, or agree to certain circumstances when the privacy feature would/could be overridden.

The webcams would be tied into motion-detector sensors, and provide a view into designated areas inside and outside the home. Alerts would be sent to account holders if it detects movement. The “backbone” of the system (in addition to the required equipment) – for it to work properly would a broadband (cable or digital subscriber line) service account. The question, of course, is who will pay for this technology -- insurance companies, the government, adult caregivers, or seniors on a fixed income? Stay tuned ...

There are so many new technology products and services available Since **“I’m Da Baby”** I will periodically keep our readership abreast of these and new topics of interest. ☺ **ggd**

## Recalls – New “One Stop Shop!”

President Bush has asked all federal agencies to streamline communications with the public and improve interagency information sharing in order to enhance public security. The result of this initiative is the creation of [www.Recalls.gov](http://www.Recalls.gov) to alert the American people to unsafe, hazardous or defective products. Please visit the website for information about consumer products, motor vehicles, boats, food, medicine, cosmetics and environmental products recalls! ☺ **ggd**

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**Colors:** Purple



### **Did You Know About These Other (Not All Inclusive) Events Also Celebrated In September? They Include:**

Apple Month (US National) - "National Apple Month is a restricted-fund (financially self-supporting) program of the U.S. Apple Association. Originally founded in 1904 as National Apple Week, it was expanded in 1996 to a three-month promotional window from September through November."

Source: [www.usapple.org](http://www.usapple.org)

Baby Safety Month | Source: [www.jpma.org](http://www.jpma.org)

Be Kind to Editors And Writers Month

Chicken Month (National, US) | Source: [www.peta.org/feat/chickmonth](http://www.peta.org/feat/chickmonth)

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Children's Good Manners Month

Cholesterol Education Month

Classical Music Month

Coupon Month (National, US)

Ethnic Foods Month

Eye Health And Safety Month

Fall Hat Month

Food Education Safety Month

Healthy Aging Month

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15, 2005)

Jazz Month

Honey Month (National, US)

Library Card Sign-Up Month | The observance was launched in 1987 and is sponsored by the

American Library Association

Little League Month (National, US)

Marriage Health Month

Mushroom Month - September is Mushroom Month in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is #1 in mushroom production!

Organic Harvest Month | Source: [www.organicconsumers.org](http://www.organicconsumers.org)

National Alcohol And Drug Abuse Recovery Month | Source: [www.inhalants.org](http://www.inhalants.org)

Rice Month | Source: [www.usarice.com](http://www.usarice.com)

Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month | Source: [www.reyessyndrome.org](http://www.reyessyndrome.org)

Self-Awareness Month (International)

School Success Month (National, US)

Self-Improvement Month

Sewing Month (National, US)

Sickle Cell Month (National US)

Sports and Home Eye Safety Month

Prevent Blindness Month | Source: [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

Southern Gospel Music Month

Tiger Month

Women of Achievement Month ☺ **ggd**



# The History Of Labor Day

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said **Samuel Gompers**, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

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.

## Founder of Labor Day

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 cofounder 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.

## The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on **Tuesday**, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first **Monday** in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

## Labor Day Legislation

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 them developed the movement 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.

## A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker. © ggd

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