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Labor Day Holiday History & Hours

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is an annual and national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of the country. The Labor Day holiday is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

While exactly who first proposed or created the holiday is still debated, what is clear is that the Central Labor Union was the first to adopt a Labor Day proposal. The Central Labor Union's first celebration of the Labor Day holiday was Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City.

Initial governmental recognition of the holiday would come through municipal ordinances. The first to become law was passed by Oregon in 1887. By the end of the year four more state legislatures Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York had passed similar laws. In 1894, with 23 other states having had adopted the holiday, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday.

Today, Labor Day is observed not only in the U.S. but also in Canada and many other industrialized nations. Labor Day is generally observed with parades, speeches, barbecues, and picnics. The day has also become the unofficial end of the summer season with many colleges, secondary and elementary schools beginning classes immediately after the Labor Day weekend.

Avanta will be closed Monday September 6th, in observance of Labor Day. However, our automated phone attendant allows software and hardware team members to be paged in the event of an emergency. Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

FREE Avanta Seminar New Payment Posting Program

This next free seminar will review the new Payment Posting Program that will be added to your system on your next Avanta update. This new program expands on the current Payment Posting Program allowing you to post insurance payments, write-offs, and memos, and will run concurrently with the existing payment posting program. The Payment Posting Seminar will examine in detail the features and functions of this new program, and review the automatic EOB posting program.

For your convenience, Avanta will offer six free sessions at two separate locations over three days. The locations that have been selected for this seminar include our office in Agoura Hills and the Cedars Sinai Building in Los Angeles. Morning and afternoon sessions are available at our office on Tuesday, September 14th at the Cedars Building on Wednesday, September 15th and back at our office on Thursday, September 16th.

Please contact an Avanta Support Specialist to RSVP. As space is limited, a 48-hour cancellation notice is required. If you are unable to attend our seminars, private training can be scheduled at your office for our normal fee.

Good Luck Andy!

As some of you may know, Andy, who had been working with Dan, Mark and Jennifer in software support for the last four and a half years, has left Avanta to continue his higher education. He will be attending Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts in a Masters in Business Administration program. Andy would like to thank all of you for the great challenges and experiences from his time here. We are all very sad to see him go and will keep you updated on his progress.

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