

The Board


The Inland Empire Mensa board is still looking for a new Secretary. If you are interested in joining the board and supporting your fellow IE Mensans, or have any questions about the position, please drop us a line. We're nice people, don't be shy.



EMPLOYMENT

As a segue into my next topic, are you aware that there is a job board on Mensa's website? If you are looking for work (an unfortunately popular topic right now, with unemployment in our region well above the already high national average) then check out www.careerlink.us.mensa.org. Last I checked there were close to 1,700 jobs posted there. You never know.

LABOR DAY

Some believe that in 1882, while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York, Matthew Maguire proposed a holiday to honor and celebrate the American worker. Others believe that it was Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor and General Secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, suggesting we have a day to honor "those who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." The dispute over who is responsible for the Labor Day holiday continues to this day. In either case, on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, around 10,000 workers paraded through the streets of New York on their way to Elm Park for a picnic, marking the first Labor Day celebration. To many people today, Labor Day instead celebrates the end of summer, or beginning of football season. In these tough economic times, and with so many people out of work, let's remember what this holiday is really about. Happy Labor Day everyone! 

EVENTS

Registration is in full swing for Colloquium 2011 and the 2011 Annual Gathering.

The Colloquium 2011 theme is "Electronic Gaming and its Impact on Society" and promises to be fun and interesting. It will be held Feb. 18-20 in Austin, Texas. This event will not focus on individual games and new releases, but instead on "what our societal obsession with electronic gaming says about us, how we got to this point and what the future could bring" ([amlnewsflash](http://amlnewsflash.com)). For more information go to www.colloquium.us.mensa.org.

The 2011 AG will be held June 30 – July 4 in Portland, Oregon, the first time this event has been held in the Pacific Northwest. If you haven't been to Oregon, this is a great opportunity to attend an AG while enjoying a spectacularly beautiful corner of our country (I might even suggest an extra stay of a day or two there to enjoy some scenic hiking or golf). For more information go to www.ag.us.mensa.org.