

Warren s. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

An independent organization of retired employees of Johnson Controls, Inc.

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NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, October 21, 2010

Alioto's 3041 N. Mayfair Road
(Highway 100 & Burleigh)

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cash Bar – Lunch – Meeting

Cost: \$12.00

Menu Selection

- Baked Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
- Tomato Stuffed with Seafood Salad

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation.

Program: Literacy Services of Wisconsin

Speaker: Jan Constable, Board Member

Literacy is the road to human progress and the means thru which every man, woman and child can realize his or her potential.

For 45 years Literacy Service has been a nonprofit leader in delivering literacy programs to adults who reside in the Greater Milwaukee area. Many of their students are disadvantaged and have significant challenges to overcome. Some have little or negative academic experiences, or a learning disorder that has resulted in less than successful educational results.

Students and Tutors are energized by the new success they are experiencing by implementing methods to recognize particular learning challenges and new instructional methods have been introduced to respond to these issues.

Be sure to send your reservation and menu selection by Wednesday October 13th to

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July program

Report by Sharlene Wardinski

Everyone was looking forward to Mary Ann Wright, VP and managing Director of Johnson Controls and Saft's Business Accelerator for Advanced Storage Solutions presentation at the July luncheon but unfortunately business got in the way.

Mary Ann had to go out of town on business matters and has promised to be a speaker at one of our future meetings.

Of course our retirees were up to the challenge and saved the day by talking about their years at Johnson Controls, and they were still talking about the wonderful celebration of the company's 125th Anniversary held in May.

After listening to some of the stories and the laughter heard around the room we will have to set up one of the luncheons as a retiree "Lets Remember a Day at Johnson Controls"



The President's Page



Greetings from your new president, Paul Froehling. Since Karen and I were traveling in Switzerland and Germany, I missed the election meeting. I don't know what percentage of the vote I received, but I assume it was somewhat more than 50%. Thanks to all who voted for me and a special thanks to all who generously contributed campaign funds.

Thanks to Tom Parris for serving as president for the past 6 years. Thanks also to the other board members for their service and willingness to continue. The major share of the work is performed by a few individuals and they deserve special mention.

Sharlene Wardinski has been Program VP since joining the board in 2002. No one has worked harder than Sharlene in keeping the organization going. Just as she was the symbol of customer satisfaction during her years of employment at JCI, she continues in that role for the retirees. Planning for quarterly luncheons and biennial reunions has fallen largely on her shoulders.

Bonnie Lenz has faithfully and capably handled the Treasurer's position since 2004. John Enright has done an outstanding job as VP-Membership since 2005. Ron Kuta stepped into the vacant Secretary position and has handled those duties since 2005. Erica Wolfe has been editor of this publication for the past 8 years.

Neil DeVries has served on the board since 2002. He has been responsible for getting a website for the organization and valiantly pursued getting it linked in to the corporate website.

Some of the current officers have expressed the desire to be replaced but have graciously agreed to continue. Before we have another election, give some thought to how you can help to perpetuate the organization.

It is my opinion that we don't need to change the focus or content of the organization. Most retirees just want a way to keep some occasional contact with the people with whom they spent a significant portion of their life as well as receiving a little nostalgia. The newsletter provides that for everyone as long as we have people willing to contribute information to it. Quarterly luncheons and biennial reunions give retirees the opportunity to have the direct contact that many cherish. Naturally there will be some retirees who have no interest. But as Yogi Berra once said, "If people don't want to come to the ballpark, how are you going to stop them?"

So, let us know if you have different ideas as well as any suggestions for improvements. We would like to get some real email from you at wsjsociety@yahoo.com other than invitations from Nigerians who want to share their wealth with us.

FIELD REPORTS

John Enright

Here's a photo of our very own John Enright teaching 4th graders from Waterford Wisconsin about Fish aboard the Sailing Vessel Denis Sullivan out of Milwaukee Harbor.



John Enright's interests lie in lighthouse history and artifacts, sailing, photography, and genealogy.

John is on the Board of Directors and a volunteer at North Point Lighthouse in Milwaukee. He is a docent and volunteer at Port Washington Lighthouse.

He belongs to five historical societies plus the American Legion. Among them are the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society and the Great Lakes Light House Keepers Association. John gives presentations on lighthouses and light keepers. He is an author on lighthouse and historical subjects including the Civil War.

He serves as crew on the Sailing Schooner Denis Sullivan out of Discovery World in Milwaukee where he is a docent, a teacher, and a sailor.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

Amanda J. Holtz is a member of the Community Involvement Program (CIP) at Johnson Controls. CIP is an employee volunteerism program. The CIP employees plan volunteer programs for the employees in the Milwaukee area. They track volunteer hours and post follow-up success stories.

CIP would like retirees to get involved in their programs. Their program will eventually go national so that retirees beyond the Milwaukee area could get involved.

The following Internet link is a sample CIP calendar.

<http://www.jciportalonline.com/community/>

If your are interested in participating, sign up by creating a "User Profile" at

<http://www.jciportalonline.com/cip/vuserprofile.php>

Should you have questions, please contact Amanda J. Holtz at (414) 524-3651 or amanda.j.holtz@jci.com



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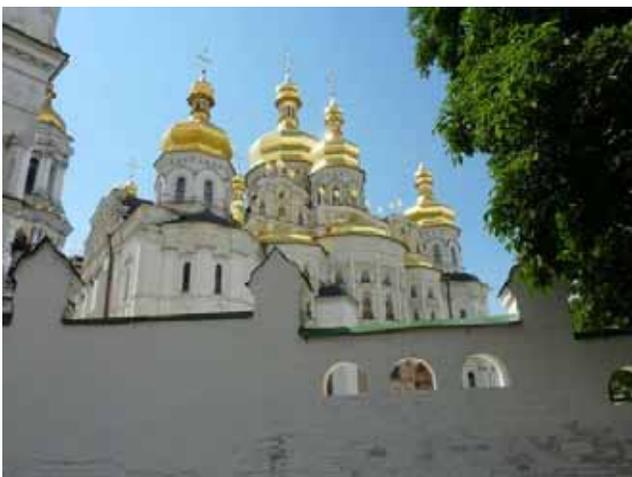
A month ago Pat and I did a river cruise starting in Odessa and calling at Sebastopol and Yalta on the Black Sea before proceeding up the Dnieper River to Kiev. Here are some photos I thought might be of interest.



Cossack



KGB Headquarters – Kiev



Monastery in Kiev



Pat & a giant heroic statue Sebastopol

**Warren S. Johnson
Society of Retirees, Inc.**

This Society is dedicated to providing meaningful services to the retirees of Johnson Controls, Inc. and the opportunity to meet socially with other members of the Society. This Newsletter is published quarterly to contribute to those goals. Your input is welcomed and encouraged.

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In Remembrance

Julia Anderer passed away on August 13, 2010. Beloved wife of 51 years to Joe. Survived by their eight children and their families.

Tom “Grumpy” Reinhart passed away June 22, 2010. Survived by his loving wife Jan, their three daughters and their families.



**Send your photos and info about
what you're up to these days!**

Wasn't it fun catching up with old
friends at the reunion?
Others would love to hear from you
too!

What keeps you busy?
Traveling?
Volunteer work?
Community service?

Your newsletter is here to share
“what's new” with you. Send info and
photos to Erica Wolfe for inclusion in
upcoming editions!!



First Time Attendees to the quarterly
Luncheon held July 2010



Bev Edwards Dahlstrom, John Aukofer, Bob Galaszewski, Ikuo Ito



Honorary Membership awarded to Steve Roell

The Board of Directors voted Steve Roell a lifetime honorary membership to the Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees. We appreciate all that JCI has done over the years and especially the many things Steve has personally done for the group over the years. Steve continues to give of his personal time and the company supports our organization through ongoing financial subsidies.



From the Archives...

Milton Garland, one of the country's oldest workers, passed away a month short of his 105th birthday on July 20, 2000. After working his way through Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, Garland took a job with the Frick Company of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania for forty seven cents an hour.

By the time Garland formally "retired" in 1967, he had risen to the position of vice president for technical services. However, he was hired back the next day as a senior consultant. During his tenure at Frick, Garland was responsible for a number of innovations in the field of refrigeration, which earned him forty-one patents. In 1996, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers officially dubbed him "Mr. Refrigeration" for his many contributions to the industry.

When York International acquired Frick in 1987, Garland continued on in his position as a senior consultant. In his "retirement

years," Garland created a training school for Frick engineers and wrote an engineering design manual. He was still working twenty hours a week, examining patents for refrigeration applications and training company engineers, when he was felled by a heart attack two months before his eventual death.

When asked about the secret to his longevity, Garland would sometimes note that he avoided sauerkraut.



Milton Garland, shown in this 1996 photo at the age of 101, worked for Frick and, later, York for eighty years

TIME?



**.....YES, and time to
renew your membership!**

Keep in touch with your life long work associates via the Newsletter. **Annual Association membership dues are \$5.** You may choose to pay several years in advance or pay **a lifetime membership of \$50**, as over 500 members have chosen to do. New members (only) paying after September 1st will be credited for both the current and next year. Send dues money to Bonnie Lenz. Not sure you've paid your dues? Check the **first line of this issue's mailing label**. In addition to your name, it **identifies** the division from which you retired (B=Battery; C=Controls; X=Corporate) and **the last year for which you paid dues** (2001, 2002, Life).

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENT COMES WITH 20 YEARS

If you are retired from Johnson Controls, or still working there with 20 years of employment, you are eligible for membership in the JC Retirement Society.

Send your \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

Bonnie Lenz, Treasurer
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