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## NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, October 20, 2011

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 lasagna
- Baked cod

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

**Program:** Fraud-AARP  
Current scams and a brief description  
of the Tax Aid Program

**Speaker:** Mr. Earl Strandt

Mr. Strandt has been an employee of AARP for 23 years. He has trained throughout the state for 20 years. Earl has been doing presentations over five years. During his years of service he was district coordinator for four counties, assistant state director for half the state, tax aide state coordinator, head instructor and local Coordinator.

Along with the latest known scams, he will describe the tax aid program briefly as he also does voluntary tax preparations at several Milwaukee sites. At one time Earl was also a program manager at Delco Electronics.

Be sure to send your reservation and MENU Selection by Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> to

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Milwaukee WI. 53220  
Phone 414-543-6414

#### July program

*Report by Sharlene Wardinski*

Professor Hauser has been teaching history for over 30 years and what an eye-opener he had for us at the July luncheon.

In the early 1900s Milwaukee was known as the most corrupt city in the United States. There was gambling, prostitution, and the government was the most corrupt of all.

The Mayor was known as David S. all the time Rosie Rose. He always wore a red rose in his lapel and would give it to the prettiest lady around. Of course with all the houses of ill repute in the city he went through a lot of roses.

David was Mayor from 1898 thru 1905 and prostitution ran rampant at that time. The largest house was owned by Kitty Williams and was located on State Street. At times lines were four blocks long waiting for entry.

In 1906 a college graduate was voted in as Mayor. His name was Sherman Becker and he was 24 years old. The only problem is he was crazy. He insisted if there was a fire the fire truck had to stop and pick him up so he could not only ride the truck but also ring the bell. In 1907 he purchased the first police car but drove it for one month before turning it over to the police dept.

In 1908 socialist Emil Seidel was elected Mayor and he promised to clean up the city. In 1911 all the houses of prostitution were closed down and all the ladies of the evening were sent to various small towns up north like Hurley, Hayward, Minocqua, and Rhineland.

One other item Mayor David Rosie Rose did was have a sporting and club house guide printed listing all the gambling places and houses of prostitution by address and rating them from one to four. There is a copy of this book located in the main library on Wisconsin Ave.



# The President's Page



In one of my earlier columns, I had set out to write about the effects of technology on our world, but got caught up into baseball. In my second attempt, I have the feeling I am getting caught up into agriculture.

In July, Karen and I along with our son Dave and his four kids went to Historic Farm Days in Penfield, IL. That's about 45 miles south of the Froehling farm near Onarga, IL. You may have difficulty finding those places on a map (what's a map?), but your GPS will get you there. Historic Farm Days is a show for old tractors (Oliver – the first tractor I knew and drove – was featured this year) along with field demonstrations of old farm equipment. The picture above is a 1939 Oliver 70 just like I drove as a kid.

Farming is much different now from my days as a boy growing up on the farm. Not only have equipment and methods changed, but farmers need to know at least a little about electronics, economics, chemistry, management, accounting and marketing. One should probably add politics as well.

Farmers buy seed corn with traits specifically tailored for their situations, e.g. the types of diseases, insects, weeds, etc. that are prevalent to their land. With GPS mapping of farms and GPS control of equipment, fertilizer applications can be applied precisely as needed.

The application of electronics continues to revolutionize farm equipment. As an example, here is an excerpt from a recent "Farm Journal" web page:

*"In the near future, your harvest crew may need one less operator. In late July, Kinze unveiled the Kinze Automation Project, which has yielded a tractor and grain cart system that doesn't need an operator in the tractor seat.*

*After a two-year partnership with JayBridge Robotics, Kinze developed a technology that synchs with the combine in the field. Using the monitor in the combine, the tractor can be called to find the combine in the field, pull adjacent to the combine for unloading, follow the combine's path of travel until the cart is full, and then return to the field's pre-set 'staging area.' The grain truck driver can find the tractor and grain cart in the 'staging area,' jump in the cab and unload the grain cart."*

If you want to watch the video, go to:  
[www.agweb.com/mymachinery/article/sneak\\_peek\\_of\\_kinzes\\_automated\\_harvesting\\_solution/](http://www.agweb.com/mymachinery/article/sneak_peek_of_kinzes_automated_harvesting_solution/)

So, I've done it again. I've only touched lightly on one facet of technology's impact on our world. But I'm sure many of you could write a few paragraphs on things you have experienced. Our methods of communications have changed immensely. Teaching of cursive writing is ending in many schools. Printing of books and newspapers may also disappear. But have no fear, we will continue to mail paper copies of this newsletter. And if you will be so kind as to send or email an article to Erica, there will always be something in it to read.

# FIELD REPORTS

## Former President Tom Parris

Virtually on the same date that I received our Summer Newsletter with Paul Froehling's "The President's Page" containing comments on Family Trees, I received a letter from my cousin Tom in Montreal, Canada.

Tom started to create a Family Tree and "found" me. I knew that he existed; but I never met him. Since then we have exchanged about a hundred Emails. It takes a lot of grinding work to create a Family Tree. Even then, were left with holes and speculation. Records are often lost. My father's birth certificate was never registered at the local church. My father was born in a small Greek village 12 miles from the original Olympic Stadium. At his baptism and celebration, the local Priest got drunk and lost the papers. It is even worse for my father-in-law. The small church in Northern Michigan that contained all of the records for his family burned to the ground. All of the records were lost. We do know that his ancestors came from Montreal and his grandfather married an Oneida Indian. It would take an exhausting search of public records to obtain additional information.

Some of my friends have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours constructing Family Trees. You need to ask yourself before you start; "Is it worth it?" Sally traced her family back to the Mayflower and her great-grandfather sailing Clipper Ships. My friend Paul also traced his family back to the Mayflower and to clergy in England. It has become an obsession with them.

Sometimes records are confusing. I always thought that my grandfather was born in Vienna. Census and immigration records show my Grandfather's birthplace as: Austria, Hungary and Bohemia. Actually the same little town was cited and the country kept changing as Europe's borders changed. The town is now in Slovakia. My grandmother's birthplace is similar. I was always under the impression that she was born in Vienna since that was all she spoke about. She

was born in a small German-speaking village in Hungary, which is now in Serbia.

Sometimes names change. Yes women's names changed when they got married; but sometimes there are other reasons. My grandmother's brother was Jewish, which was difficult in Hungary in the early 1900s. He changed his name to a popular Hungarian family name to avoid persecution and moved to Budapest. It brings to life the persecution when you see "Israelite" stamped on a birth certificate. Tom's uncle was taken to a Russian work camp and disappeared forever. Tom was born in Budapest, moved to Hong Kong then to Montreal just to survive. Our cousin moved to Israel.

During World War II, two of my uncle Richard's nephews were drafted into Hitler's Army, which was not easy for either side of the family. One was blinded on the Russian Front and another captured by the US and was a prisoner at Milwaukee's Mitchell Field where he could be visited. After the war, he conducted many bus tours across the US for German tourists.

Sometimes there is scandal. One of my grandmother's brothers was shot to death in a lover's quarrel duel. He never worked; he was a professional gambler. Then there was Dr. Freund, who I met as my grandmother's nephew; however the University of Vienna records show his father's name as my great grandfather. We still have not reconciled that.

I have many old photographs back to the 1870s, when my grandparents were born. I sent scanned copies to Tom; we have identified only half of the people. Tom has spent money with a professional photograph and clothing specialist in an effort to identify others. The work is endless. My advice is not to get addicted or don't start.



## FIELD REPORTS - CONTINUED

JCI Basketball Team 1969-1970

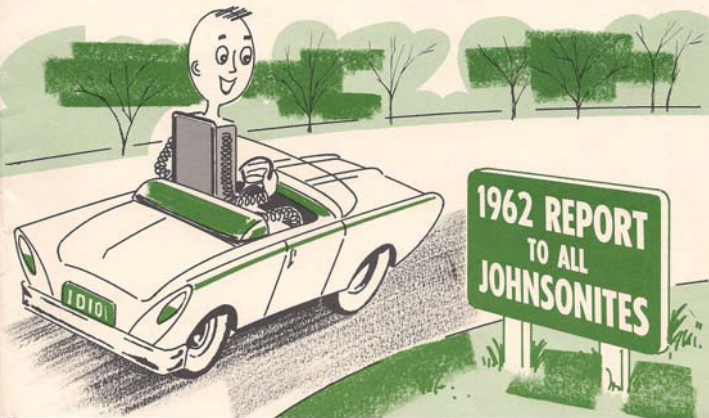


Top Row: Sal Maglio, Dan Hoffman, Bobby Webb, Jim Wade  
Front Row: Gerry Kubiak, Dale Hawley, Jack Vierheilig



# More from Paul Froehling: 1962 Annual Report

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Dear Johnsonite

1962 was another good year for the Johnson Service Company in terms of billed sales and the volume of materials we shipped to our branch offices throughout the United States and Canada.

This volume was chiefly for installation in all types of commercial, industrial, educational and public buildings and in commercial and military ships. Continued expansion in the guided missile field, and our branch repair and maintenance billings accounted for an important part of the sales volume.

The Company continued its program of expansion and improvement in 1962. This included the opening of the Orange, Connecticut, warehouse, improvement of a number of branch office quarters, and enlarging of the test engineering laboratory in the factory.

The first steps toward standardization of all products were placed in effect to improve delivery and to help offset the steady rise

in the cost of making our products. A group of new products and improvement of some present products was prepared for manufacturing under the Company's development program.

Competition was greater than ever before with two new firms entering the pneumatic control field in 1962. Thus far, the efforts of all divisions have achieved a fine record in the face of this keen competition.

The business outlook for 1963 appears favorable, but engineers and contractors can be expected to renew their efforts to reduce construction costs. It is important that we all continue to produce superior products with the greatest possible efficiency in order to hold costs and prices down.

Management sincerely appreciates the fine record all of you have helped to make this past year. With your continued loyalty and support we shall look forward to meeting the challenges of the year ahead.

*R. J. Murphy*  
R. J. Murphy  
President

**\$67,880,113** WORTH OF JOHNSON PRODUCTS WERE MADE AND SOLD DURING THE YEAR!



**MATERIALS\***  
COST US  
**\$27,919,809**

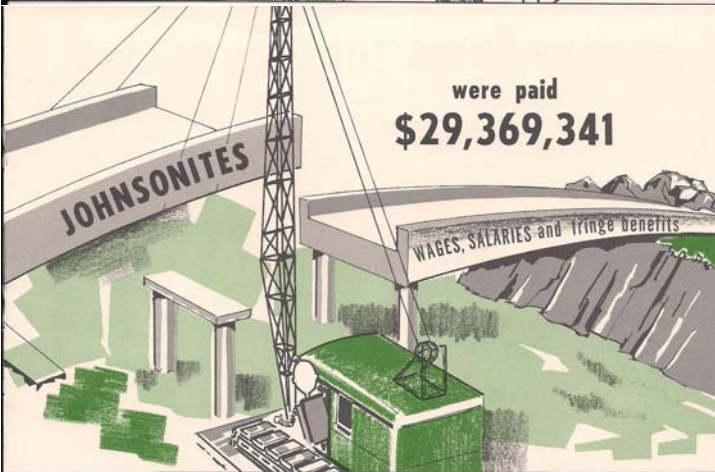
\*STEEL, COPPER, BRASS, INGOTS, PARTS AND OTHER MATERIAL



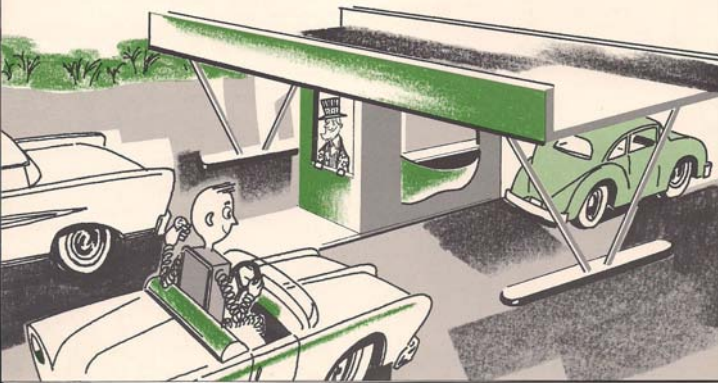
were paid  
**\$29,369,341**

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WAGES, SALARIES and fringe benefits

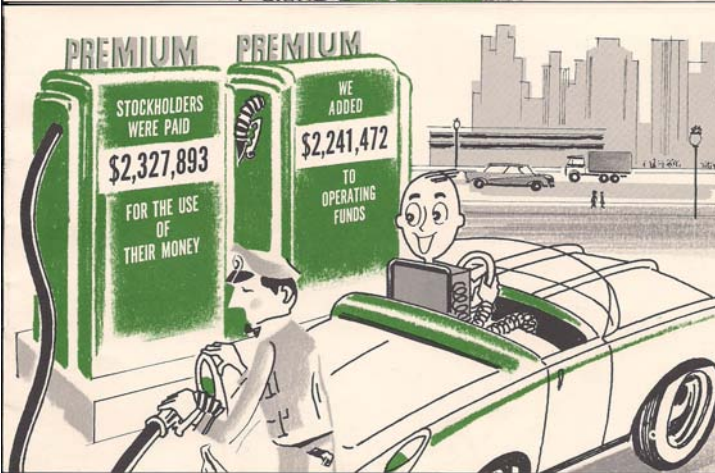


**INCOME TAXES TOOK \$6,021,598**

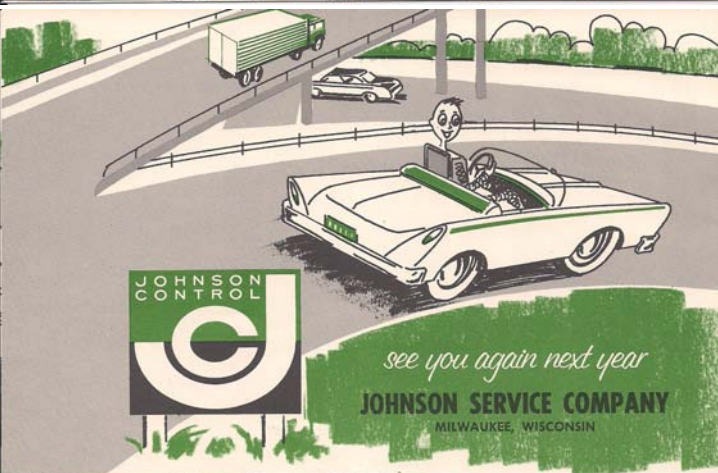


PREMIUM STOCKHOLDERS WERE PAID **\$2,327,893** FOR THE USE OF THEIR MONEY

PREMIUM WE ADDED **\$2,241,472** TO OPERATING FUNDS



see you again next year  
**JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY**  
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## Our July luncheon speaker



Professor Stephen K. Hauser  
History Professor at Marquette



Please  
keep your stories  
and pictures coming!  
They make your  
newsletter more  
enjoyable!!





## From the archives...



The Pentagon Building Operations Control Center as it appeared in 2002.

When the Department of Defense selected Johnson Controls in 1997 to design and install a new energy management and environmental control system in the Pentagon as part of a massive renovation of the historic and symbolic building, little did they know that the system would not only save money, but lives as well. Under the contract, Johnson Controls installed a Metasys Energy Management and Control System to measure, monitor, and manage building functions from a central command center. Metasys' ability to communicate with the older controls systems in the building, including those made by other companies, allowed the system to control not only the renovated portions of the building, but those awaiting renovation. Thus, Pentagon building operators were able to monitor and control the entire complex with Metasys throughout all phases of the renovation project. Johnson Controls employees finished the Pentagon's Building Operations Control Center in June 2001 – which turned out to be timelier than they could have imagined. When terrorists flew a commercial airliner into the Pentagon three months later on **September 11, 2001**, the Metasys system helped keep an already horrible situation from becoming even worse. After the attack, Pentagon building operators were able to use Metasys to isolate the damaged portion of the building and keep deadly smoke from entering the other areas of the building. Just a day after the attack, 4.5 million square feet of the Pentagon remained open and building employees were able to continue working. According to Steve Carter, Pentagon Assistant Building Manager at the time of the attack, "The systems we put in place were instrumental in getting smoke out and keeping the fire contained. In a matter of hours, we took systems that were installed to save energy and improve indoor environments and used them to provide air barriers. This stopped smoke infiltration, minimized the spread of damage, and most importantly, potentially saved lives."

## 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:

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