

# Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

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

## NEWSLETTER

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### Ice Age Trail

*Report by Mike Rotter*

### NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, April 21, 2005

Alioto's  
3041 N. Mayfair Road  
(Highway 100 & Burleigh)  
Meeting will be held downstairs

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Cash Bar - Lunch - Meeting  
Cost: \$9.75

#### Menu Selection

- Chicken Parmesan
- Breaded Pork Chops

Program: Medicare & Premium Changes  
Speaker: Ginger Rogers

Ginger will be speaking about Medicare and the 2005 premium changes, and will update everyone about the newest Medicare coverage for preventative services. Ginger will also give a brief overview of the upcoming Medicare Part D prescription drug plan that will be available January 1, 2006.

Mark your calendars and join us on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Reservations are required with menu selection and payment by Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Joan Rudnitzki and Tim Malzhan  
Of the Ice Age Trail & Park Foundation

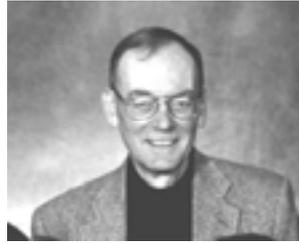
Our January program was about Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail. It runs from Door County south through the Northern and Southern Kettle Moraine, through Janesville. It turns north past Madison to Langlade County then west to the Mississippi. The trail is 1000 miles long, follows the edge of the last glacier in Wisconsin and is a non-motorized foot path.

In the 1950's an attorney started the idea of a 1000 mile National Park. Henry Reuss's vision was that the trail should be built and maintained by volunteers not government. There are currently 24 volunteer chapters along the trail who are responsible for the trail maintenance.

Today there are about 600 miles of trail. Land is being acquired in partnership with the National Park Service and Department of National Resources. Government and private grants, corporate support, and individual contributions are used to fund the land purchases need to achieve the goal of 1000 miles of off road Ice Age Trail.



# The President's Page



*Messages from Tom Parris*

## Tom Remembers

In my last column, I did not mention that when I returned to the then Johnson Service Company in 1966 my supervisor was Frank Schoen. Frank was the Manager of Value Engineering and was about to retire. Frank had extensive model shop, manufacturing, and machine shop experience. He was a source of endless interesting stories related to Johnson (like making Zippo cigarette lighter parts during World War II). After retirement, Frank was retained by Johnson as a consultant on the Thermo Louver Project. Frank often joked that he was paid more as a consultant than he had earned as an employee. Johnson was fabricating Thermo Louvers as a subcontractor. Thermo Louvers were large (about six inches wide and many feet high) aluminum vertical Venetian blinds with cooling or heating water flowing thru a hole down the center of each one. There were rotating seal problems, expansion/contraction problems, anodized finish problems, and installation problems. Frank earned his money. Prior to coming to this country, Frank was involved in his family's the beer making business and had many interesting stories to tell. His favorite stories revolved around his summer home in Eagle River, Wisconsin (fishing and the boat house). There was a lot of talk; but little fishing and the boathouse was a multi-year process.

## Better late than.....

It took a lot of effort from many people to stage September's Biennial Reunion. Many people shared in the effort for its success. Locations had to be selected. Menus had to be determined (Sharlene and Sal were "forced" to do taste testing). Speakers and entertainment had to be found. Bills had to be paid. Most of all... thank you Sharlene for overseeing everything. Thank you Sal Mussomeli for negotiating with the Italian Community Center. Thank you Dorothy Wittenberg, Joan Meredith, John Donovan, Roger Resek and Erica Wolfe for doing your stuff again and again. We also need to thank Johnson Controls for their monetary subsidy, for the use of facilities, for the luncheon, for the speakers. We are grateful for Steve Roell and Alex Molinaroli's presentations and the gift of their valuable time. Thanks to our own Neil DeVries for filling in for Jeff Stevens with the presentation of our website. A big thank you to JCI's Amy Ruhland for arranging the use of the facilities and the catering. We also need to thank JCI for their continued support of the printing and mailing of our Newsletters (Mary Schneider), the creation and support of our website (Jeff Stevens), and the use of their facilities for our board meetings (Julia Anderer).



# Contest

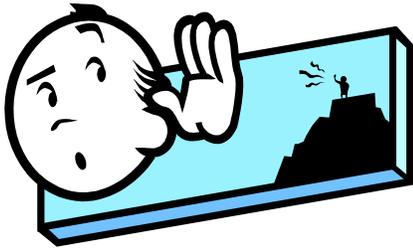
Submitted by Tom Parris

I have been cleaning out my old records, so when the day comes that I "kick the bucket", they only need to roll me into the hole in the ground and there will be no clean up. While doing this, I found the following photograph of a Johnson Service Company training school class. The date of the class was November 21, 1958. It was one of the early classes that Paul Wichman taught. I recognized five of our current members in that class. So here's the deal. I will pay \$10 out of my pocket to the person that identifies the most people in that photograph. My judgment rules. No protests will be entertained. In case of ties, "straws" will be drawn to determine the winner.

Send your entries to the Newsletter Editor:

[ericawolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:ericawolfe@yahoo.com) or 5207 S Robinwood Ln. Hales Corners, WI 53130





## Calling all Retirees

Your friends want to hear from you!  
Send us news about YOU [with pictures if possible], book reviews, bad jokes, suggestions, etc. to:

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## GROANERS

**ARBITRATOR:** A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's



**COUNTERFEITERS:** Workers who put together kitchen cabinets



**RELIEF:** What trees do in the spring



**MISTY:** How golfers create divots



## *In Remembrance*

### *Condolences to the families of:*

**Roger Resek** passed away January 15<sup>th</sup>. He had been with JCI since 1958. He served as an officer of the retirees group. He is remembered by his friend, Tom Parris, as a kind and honorable man with great integrity. He is survived by his wife, Donna, their two children and a grandson.

**Ken Kammeraad** passed away January 29<sup>th</sup>. Ken retired from Johnson Controls, Inc. in 1988 after forty years with the Company. He served as Corporate Secretary and a Corporate Officer for fifteen years.

**John Donald "Don" Wilson** passed away July 12, 2004. He was personnel manager at the Atlanta and Dallas Battery Plants. After he retired in 1992, he and his wife Betty moved to their log house in the mountains near Blue Ridge, GA.

**Dave Sterk** passed away August 11, 2004. He was with JCI for 33 years, 22 of them as the Phoenix branch manager. Dave and his wife had moved to Washington State in 2000. He is survived by his wife Margaret, children and grandchildren.



First Time Attendees to the quarterly Luncheon held January 20, 2005



Jerry Kabelowsky, Bob Singers, Ron Kuta

# FIELD REPORTS

## Dave Bigler - Milwaukee

In 1986, we were looking for something different to do for vacation. We had never been to Arizona so a travel agent recommended that we spend a week at the Tanque Verde Dude Ranch outside of Tucson, AZ and another week at a place in Phoenix called "The Pointe", which we did.

We arrived at the dude ranch and got out of the car and the smell of horse manure was quite evident and the place looked a bit run down. Carolyn said, "I'm not staying here!" I told her that we had prepaid for a week so we checked in. After we got the key to our room, we drove around to the back and were treated to a wonderful view of the Sonoran Desert and a beautiful, cozy casita with a fireplace, etc. It is set in the foothills of the Rincon Mountain range and is just gorgeous. We loved it, rode horses each day and just had a wonderful time. We said if we could ever find a time in years to come to bring our children and their families to Tanque Verde it would just be great.

Well, Thanksgiving 2004 found all 10 of us at Tanque Verde. Our two daughters, their husbands and our 4 grandchildren all assembled there. Every one of us had a real blast and we are still talking about it. They want to make it an annual event!



## Bob Lindsey - Milwaukee

My son, Tom, kept pushing me to try a new product introduced to America about 14 months ago called Goji Juice, a very powerful nutritional supplement from Himalaya. When I kept dragging my feet about it he mailed me a bottle and I made a mistake.....I tasted it.

That was in October last year and I haven't stopped taking it since. Not only is it delicious, but it is so loaded with all the right things that make you healthy that I'm darn near ready to try out for the Olympics. Even my doctor, who monitors me on a quarterly basis, asked what I had done to improve my blood count, my arthritis, my edema and my blood pressure so quickly. Lab tests are showing that all is normal now. I feel so good that I want all of my friends to know about it! I joined Tom in the business and once again am having a ball doing what I have done all my life.....sell.

To Retirees hoping to live out their retirement in good health and happiness, join the Himalayan Goji Berry Revolution.....the Anti-aging Immunity Enhancing Nutritional Supplement, discovered by Dr. Earl Mindell, Ph.D., author of the Vitamin Bible who states, "Himalayan Goji Juice is the most Nutrient Dense Food I have seen In 40 Years!" Contact me for more information for a happy, healthy retirement!

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# FIELD REPORTS & Website

From your editor: A year or so ago, there was an insert in the newsletter called "TELL US ALL ABOUT YOU!!!" Al Mozejewski took a few minutes to tell us about his hair cutting club. Thanks, Al!!

**Name:** Alois "Mozy" Mozejewski  
(wife: Norma)

**Business Location:** Engineering, downtown Milwaukee

**Year Retired:** 1990

**An interesting trip I recently took was:**

To Minneapolis. 1<sup>st</sup> stop: Treasure Island Indian Casino. The wife and I won. 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop: Mystic Lakes Casino. Wife and I lost. We hit a few more casinos on the way home.

**A fun get together I enjoyed with JCI friends:**

Every couple of months I get together with Doug Taipala and Ken Price. We cut each other's hair, have a little refreshment (liquid) and snacks. Wow, what a haircut!

**Something my grandchildren did that made me proud was:**

My grand-daughter, Alison said "if grandpa can do it, so can I." This past fall she made three skydives and plans more this spring. Boy, was I proud!

**Some satisfying volunteer work I participated in was:** Working with and enjoying the senior citizens club in New Berlin. They are super nice people.

**An Old JCI friend I'd like to hear from:**

John Sprincis (& family). After he retired, he moved to Florida. I lost contact with him. He used to be in our "hair cutting" club.

**My favorite (or funniest or most satisfying or most embarrassing) JCI memory is:**

All of the great friends I got to know!

## **Our Web Site** **www.JCI.com/retirees**

Those of you that attended our biennial reunion realize that the retirees group now has a website. We owe our thanks to Neil DeVries and our former officers and directors for the impetus for creating it. Without Neil, there would be no website. Without the support of JCI's management and the assignment of Jeff Stevens to implement its concept, there would be no website. Neil will continue as our contact person for site enhancements; and Paul Froehling is functioning as his back up.

Visit the website! You'll find five pages:

- About us
- Calendar of events
- Current officers & directors
- Archived newsletters
- Membership information & an enrollment form.

Visit our page and give us your feedback!



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

This Society is dedicated to providing meaningful services to the retirees of Johnson Controls, Inc. including current information about retirement benefits 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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**MARK YOUR 2005 CALENDAR**

**MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:**

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

## From Bob Hope

**ON TURNING 90:** *"You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."*

**ON GOLF:** *"Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."*

**ON PRESIDENTS:** *"I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six."*

**ON HIS SIX BROTHERS:** *"That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."*



## 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 223 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** (2003 2004, Life).

## STILL

## WORKING?



### **MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENT COMES WITH 20 YEARS**

Whether you are still working at Johnson Controls or are working elsewhere, if you have 20 years employment with JCI, you are eligible for membership in the Retirement Society.

Send your \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

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