

# Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, April 20, 2006

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

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Cash Bar - Lunch - Meeting  
Cost: \$11.00

#### Menu Selection

- Chicken Parmesan w/mostaccioli
- Chef Salad

Program: BBB & Recent Senior Scams  
Speaker: Randall "Ran" Hoth

Mr. Hoth is President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau. He has 30 years of experience in the financial services industry, previously serving as a Community Bank President, the Milwaukee Retail Market Manager, and a Senior Vice President of Financial Services.

The BBB has a ninety-year tradition of using self-regulation to foster ethical business practices throughout North America. His goal here in Wisconsin is to expand the awareness of good business practices with businesses, company employees and consumers.

Mr. Hoth is looking forward to speaking to our group regarding recent Senior Scams and Schemes. He spoke to us in 2000 and is looking forward to giving us an update.

Send reservations with menu selection and payment by Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to

Sharlene Wardinski  
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Phone: 414-543-6414

#### January program

*Report by Sharlene Wardinski*



Ginger Rogers

Ginger Rogers was happy to come back and advise us about Medicare "D" drug plan options available to the senior citizens. If you remember, Ginger was our speaker in July and gave us information about the newest Medicare coverage for preventative services. If you receive Medicare Part A and/or part B you are eligible for Part D.

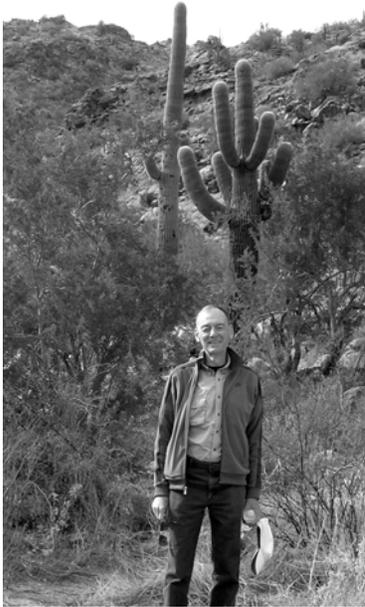
People with limited incomes and/or resources should apply for financial assistance by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

Ginger explained some of the forms, answered our questions and unfortunately she told us of a lot of problems they have encountered since the plan started

The best information she gave us was to stick with the Johnson Controls plan that we have.

# The President's Page

*Messages from Tom Parris*



Winter greetings from Arizona! We created a drought in the desert. At my writing, the Phoenix area has been more than 115 days without rain. I learned a few travel lessons on this trip.

Number one: Once we packed Ronni's clothing, my computer, records, and a few essentials like tennis rackets in the car, there was no room for my clothing. **Solution:** Pack my clothing in two boxes and ship it via UPS (cost less than \$60). New boxes are inexpensive at Walmart, Office Depot, etc.

Lesson Two: You need essential records (to bank, to do taxes, to live!).

**Solution:** Scan them all and store them on CDs or a back-up drive. Or, buy a few strong boxes at Walmart or Walgreens (about \$9 each) for the paper originals.

Lesson Three: Change your checking account to a national bank or one that has local branches at both your summer and winter locations.

Lesson Four: I need my prescriptions refilled regularly. Have them filled at a national chain of pharmacies that has interconnected computer records so that they be refilled almost anywhere without issues.

Speaking of prescriptions, in my last column I wrote about problems signing up for Medicare Part D Prescription coverage. Premium payments were automatically deducted from my Social Security. I was happy..... all of my medications were covered. Wrong! After one month, my insurer unilaterally discontinued coverage on two of my medications (both are very common usage medications). My insurer was in violation of the Federal law; it did not give me 60 days notification. In fact, I still have not received notification or even an identification card. Medicare accepted my grievance and will follow up. Stay tuned.

## Recently Appointed

Ron Kuta, Secretary

June Dobby, Board Member

Carol Lomonaco, Board Member

Carol is filling the rest of Ken Voss' term on the Board. Ken wrote our bylaws in 1986 and was our second President. He has been active in our organization and on the Board of Directors since then. We are all indebted to Ken for his guidance and effort.

# FIELD REPORTS

## Jerry Seitz – Milwaukee

The January 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon was the first I was able to attend after retiring 12/31/2002. My intent at retirement was to attend as many of the luncheons as I could. However several surgeries on my right leg started within three months of retirement and just stopped in 2005 with unanticipated poor results. Anyway, to my great satisfaction, I was able to attend said meeting and enjoyed it greatly.

I read every issue of the newsletter and look forward to them. Between Globe Union and Johnson Controls, 40 years of my working career were spent with the finest people I ever met.

## Joe Pospisil – New York

A group from the Northeast JCI Retirees Club, from the New York Area, met for lunch in January. Lots of laughs and many stories from the old days – dating back to the '50s when service was our middle name! The group totaled 130+ years of JCI service.



Patty Riker, Joe Pospisil, Peter Licopantis, Emil Becker

## George Maxwell–Controls, Milwaukee, etc.

Marie and I have moved into a lovely life care center called Royal Oaks here in Sun City, AZ. We have a garden home with living room, dining room, 2 baths, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, laundry and double

garage. They have all the bells and whistles; pool, work out room. We eat at least one meal a day here. My only fear is that Marie will forget she's a great cook. Oh yes they also clean every two weeks!

After all of the heart surgery, broken bones, replaced joints etc, etc it was past time to lighten Marie's load.

## Rocky Mountain Chapter Report

We meet on the second Wednesday of even months for lunch and generally have twenty to twenty five people attend.

We held our 50th meeting last fall which means that considering we meet six times a year, we are now embarking on our 9th year of this activity! We have been blessed with good loyal members who truly enjoy getting together with good friends and so our attendance has held up well.

We move around to different restaurant locations, which enables us to try a variety of food and also ends up with our meeting location being somewhat convenient to all of our members at least a couple of times a year.

Our meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> was held at The Country Buffet in Littleton. We had 22 people attend, one of which was a old friend that we had not seen for a long time, Mildred (Fly) Hadit. She heard about our get togethers from long time member Jack Schoefield and arranged to join us at this meeting. Mildred was a former Secretary, Payroll Clerk & Accounts Payable Clerk in the Denver Office. It was good to see her; she likes the idea of getting together with old friends and has expressed a desire to become a member of the organization.

Please say "hello" to all of our JCI Friends around the country.....**Bob Pagliasotti**

# FIELD REPORTS

## From Doug & Judy Decker



We are writing this from a condo on Pawleys Island, SC which we rented for five months this winter. We live on True Blue Plantation golf course overlooking the water hazard on the 4th hole.

After flying to the States for Christmas last year, we returned to Italy. The winter cruising community consisted of about 35 live-aboard families from many countries. Most spoke English and those who didn't spoke Spanish with us! We had many weekly activities including dinners, coffees, tours, and bike rides.

We left Roma at the end of May and proceeded to cruise the Amalfi coast stopping for three nights in Capri to spend our 21st wedding anniversary. Usually overrun with tourists, Capri was a magical place at the end of May. Then we continued along the coast of Italy to the "toe" and through the Straits of Messina to Siracusa Sicily. After ten days we made our way up the Adriatic Sea to Otranto Italy and finally a moonlight crossing to Dubrovnik Croatia. The countries of former Yugoslavia are so different than any place we've experienced.

Heading south, we stopped in several cities in Montenegro with Kotor being a real highlight. We even mustered the courage to motor sail into the port of Durres Albania and visit a country less traveled. Finally in September we settled down on the Greek Island of Corfu in the Ionian Sea. We spent a few weeks cruising around the island and south to the diminutive island of Paxi.

In October we put Limerence up on the hard for the winter. She is awaiting our return in April when we'll start our cruise to Turkey. All the details of our experiences including pictures are on our website for those of you interested in more details!

[www.deckersailing.com](http://www.deckersailing.com)



Motor scooter on Paxi Island

## Johnson Controls Historical Archives



Ken Wirth  
Records & Archives  
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The Johnson Controls Archives collects materials that serve to document the history of the Company, its branches, its subsidiaries, and its acquisitions including Penn Controls, Globe-Union, Hoover Universal, Prince Automotive and others. Items in the collection span the lifetime of the company -- 1885 to the present -- and are comprised of material in a wide variety of media.

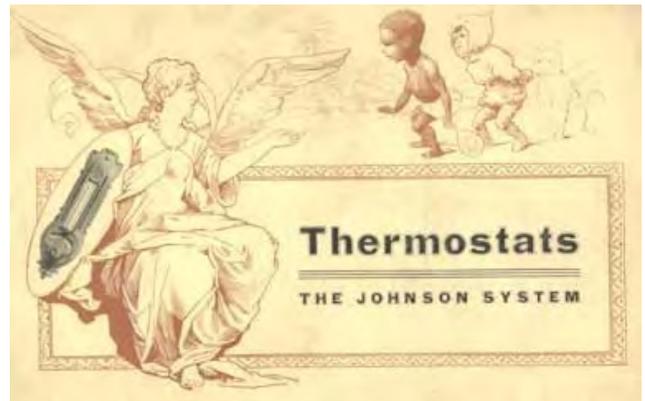
The collection of three-dimensional artifacts includes numerous thermostats and other products made by Johnson Controls and its affiliates – a few of which date from before 1900. Among the earliest items in the collection are pneumatic (compressed air) system clocks from the 1890s and a wireless spark transmitter (telegraph) from 1900 (the latter won a silver medal at the 1900 World's Fair in Paris). Globe-Union products preserved by the Archives include roller skates manufactured during the 1950s. More contemporary examples include the monitor board for the "JC 80" (vintage 1972) – the first mini-computer designed for building environmental control.

The bulk of the rest of the Archives collection consists of textual material including a variety of historic registers, contract books, balance books, cash books,

stock ledgers and journals that date from 1885 to the mid-1950s. The Archives also holds a number of newsletters (both internal and external) published by Johnson Controls and its subsidiaries over the years, with names such as *The Johnsonite*, *Monitoring the Field*, *Penn Points*, *Seating Satellite*, *Battery Connection*, and *Chip Chat*. In addition, there are catalogs and sales brochures touting the wide range of products sold by the company in its long history. These run the gamut from Johnson Service Company automobiles and trucks from the early 1900s (by the way, the Company now owns two Johnson vehicles, a 1911 stake truck and a 1910 "Empress" sedan, both of which have been featured in the Milwaukee Holiday Parade), to Globe-Union's Great Lakes Golf equipment in the 1930s, and to Prince's "PathPoint" compass system of recent years.



In the audio-visual category, the Archives houses items in a variety of media. An extensive collection of photographs document the people, the work, the products, and the facilities that have made up Johnson Controls' history. Among the films in the Archives are those showing company picnics in the early 1950s and Johnson Controls' *The Story of the Thermostat* - shown in company open houses and other events in the 1960s and 1970s. Also included in the Archives collection are color glass lantern slides depicting the Johnson Service Company's great floral clock from the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. The clock face was 112 feet in diameter and consisted of a wide array of colorful flowers. It received a "grand prize with special mention" from Fair officials.



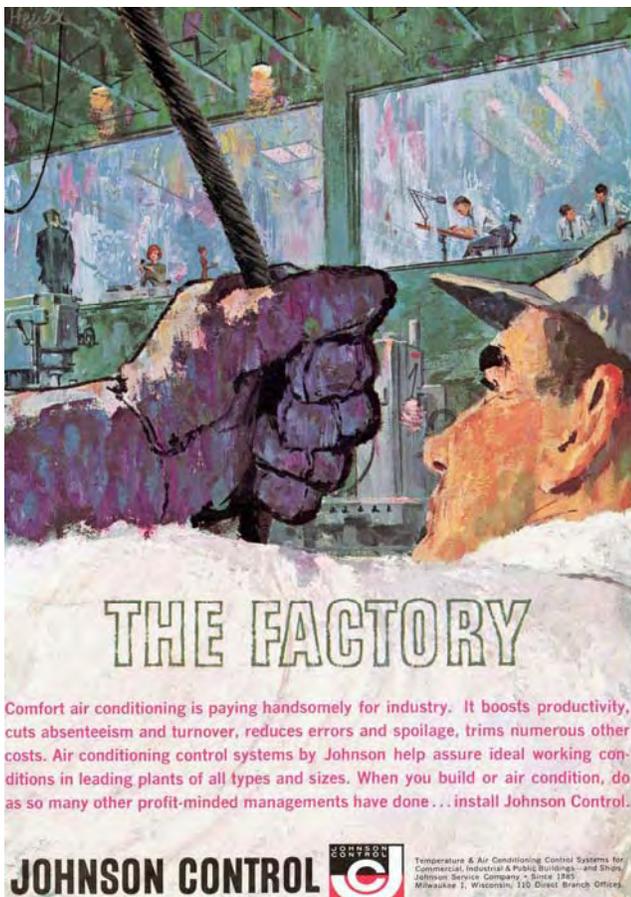
1902 thermostat

Getting the word out about the Archives and its collections to current employee population has been facilitated by a Historical Archives website on the JCI Intranet, as well as a "Weekly History" story that appears on the JCI Portal. Direct contact with branch and area offices celebrating significant anniversaries (e. g., 50<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the office's establishment) has helped get the word out about the contents of the Archives, as well. An historic display also figures prominently in the 507 lobby, and historic material will also be featured in the newly renovated lobby at World Headquarters in Glendale.

Retirees interested in seeing the Archives (located, at least temporarily, on the first floor at 507) are more than welcome to schedule an appointment for a tour with Ken Wirth. Donations to the Archives of historical Johnson Controls material are also gladly accepted.

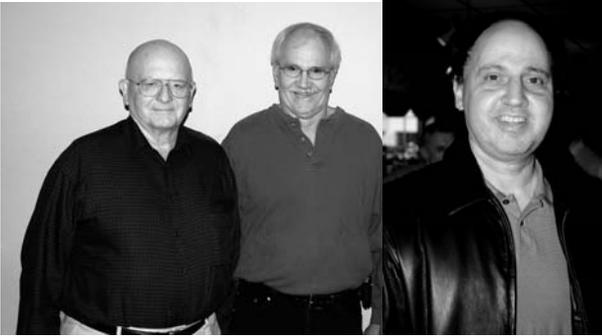


Thank you, Ken, for putting this informative article together for the newsletter. We appreciate your efforts! Perhaps someone from the Retirees Group will have something to donate to the archives.



1960's ad

First Time Attendees to the quarterly Luncheon held January 19, 2006



Jerry Seitz, Al Clayton, Tom Poulos

## “Tell Me More”

### Gene Bendix – Controls, Milwaukee

I think this happened back in the late 50's or early 60's. Marv Herrick had become the manager of the Sales Promotion Department. That was where all the Apparatus Bulletins were produced (my job). The company was growing rapidly and producing new products all the time.

Marv hired John Rawski, who was writing Engineering Reports for Field Engineering. John was a great person, had a near photographic mind and was just fun to be around. But, he was just a wee bit eccentric. All the tech writers were put in another room away from Marv – our own Private Domain.

John always wore an old felt hat, one that had seen better days but he liked it. One Monday morning I put one strip of paper under the inside of John's hat band. John commented that he must be gaining weight because his hat was getting a little tight. So he just tugged it down. I did this every Monday for two months and John kept complaining about gaining weight. At that time, John said he was going on a diet.

When John came in the next Monday, I took all the paper out of his hat. When he got ready to go home, his hat fell right down on his ears. John's comment was "boy that diet really works!" I never did tell him that it wasn't the diet that made his hat so big!

Deadline for information to be submitted to editor for the next newsletter:  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

### MARK YOUR 2006 CALENDAR

#### MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:

April 20<sup>th</sup>

July 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Biennial Reunion

September 29 and 30, 2006



## Groaners

### Engineers' Conversion Tables

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi

16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Sterling

1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz

1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton

4 nickels = 2 paradigms

1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen

453.6 graham Crackers = 1 pound cake

**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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*In Remembrance*

**Bill Roddy** passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife, Nan, 4 children and their families. Bill was the Controls Group Human Resources Director prior to his retirement.

**Pete Balistreri** passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup>. His wife Dorothy, their children and grandchildren survive him. He worked in the factory & shipping departments before retiring.

**Bob Kirkpatrick** passed away in February. He is survived by his wife Mary Jo, their children and grandchildren. Prior to retirement, Bob was the Branch Manager in Omaha.

**Andrew Scott**, former branch manager in Oklahoma City and Kansas City, passed away on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was 82. He is survived by his wife Christine, 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

**W.P. "Pete" West** died on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86. He was a member of the Southeast Regional Office management team in Atlanta. He was preceded in death by his wife Lillabel. His 4 children and their families survive him.

**Bill Nolden** passed away last November. He was manager of the Penn Controls Division of JCI in Oakbrook, IL. He and his wife Katie had been living in Texas.

**Ralph Kubal** passed away on January 11<sup>th</sup> at his home in Florida at the age of 90.  
*(This was sent by Jim Gissing in Kentucky... no further information available.)*



## News from the wire.....

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin...February 23, 2006

### **Johnson Controls Ranks Among Fortune Elite**

Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI) today announced that it has earned the number one position on Fortune Magazine's America's Most Admired Companies list. The company was designated an Industry Champion within the Motor Vehicles and Parts category.

Johnson Controls was evaluated on eight key reputation attributes including: Innovation, Employee Talent, Use of Corporate Assets, Social Responsibility, Quality of Management, Financial Soundness, Long-Term Investment and Quality of Products or Services. The complete report will be printed in the publication's March 6 issue.

"It's been an historic week for our company." John Barth, Chairman and CEO, Johnson Controls, said. "Our ranking in Fortune underscores our commitment to lead our industry not only in terms of innovation, but also in the way we conduct business on a daily basis and how we continue to exceed our customers' expectations. We are extremely proud of what we have accomplished."

Johnson Controls was also visited this week by President George W. Bush, who delivered a major energy policy address. During his speech, which focused on the need for energy independence, the President praised the company's leadership role in the development of lithium-ion batteries for the automobile industry and technology for energy-efficient buildings.

"Johnson Controls has been on the cutting-edge of technology for a century. The people who work here are on the leading edge of change," said President Bush.

The company also received recognition earlier this year when Johnson Controls was named one of America's Most Shareholder Friendly Companies by Institutional Investor. The inaugural survey of more than one thousand portfolio managers and analysts in the U.S. and abroad spanned 62 industry sectors. Johnson Controls was recognized in the Autos & Auto Parts subset of the Consumer Sector.

Johnson Controls is a global leader in interior experience, building efficiency and power solutions. The company provides innovative automotive interiors that help make driving more comfortable, safe and enjoyable. For buildings, it offers products and services that optimize energy use and improve comfort and security. Johnson Controls also provides batteries for automobiles and hybrid electric vehicles, along with systems engineering and service expertise. Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI) has 136,000 employees in more than 1,000 locations serving customers in 125 countries. Founded in 1885, the company is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For additional information, please visit [www.johnsoncontrols.com](http://www.johnsoncontrols.com).

## 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** (2001, 2002, Life).

## STILL

## WORKING?



## 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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