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NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, April 16, 2009

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

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cash Bar - Lunch - Meeting

Cost: \$12.00 - note price increase

Menu Selection

- Breaded Pork Chop
- Chicken Parmesan

Program: *Real Life*

Speaker: TBD

If you enjoyed January's luncheon be prepared for another surprise! It won't be as cold in April.

Our speaker will be talking about things going on in real life.

We have read about it in the papers through the years but have never been involved in it personally. Well our speaker actually lived it!

Get your reservations in early because this will be an interesting luncheon.

Please do not forget to list your menu selection.

Send reservations with menu selection and payment by Wednesday April 8th to

Sharlene Wardinski
3656 So. 82nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53220
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January program

Report by Sharlene Wardinski

Our January meeting was one of the coldest days of the year.

We still had a great turnout and what a surprise it was.



Bill and Marilyn Hess are both re-enactors of the Revolutionary War.

Bill is very knowledgeable about cannons and equipment, while Marilyn is very knowledgeable about Ladies of the Evening. Nice way of putting it.

Needless to say Marilyn was our speaker of the day. She came out in a costume from that era.

Marilyn has given many presentations around the country and told us of the funny things that happened during those presentations.

All in all it was a fun luncheon and Marilyn; we thank you for enlightening us on the life of The Ladies of the Evening.

The President's Page

Random Musings of the Prez

John Enright wanted me to remind you that JCI was officially founded on May 1, 1885. Sometime during 2010, JCI will conduct a 125th anniversary celebration. Expect to be invited. Keep that in mind when planning your future social events.

I took care of the business affairs of three elderly relatives. Occasionally, I would look at their telephone/address books and be saddened. There were so many names sometimes with notes. So many scratched out.... deceased. So few names remained. Now I look at my own computerized database. So many names of my friends, coworkers and acquaintances marked deceased. Yet.... strangely that does not make me sad. The names and notes bring back so many good memories and a fondness that strangely brightens my day. I suppose.... it was the same with my relatives. I was in error when I thought it was a sad reminder. They were undoubtedly good reminders of people, times, relationships, stories to remember forever.

While we are talking about mushy stuff, I never really cared for "chick flicks". I don't think that I have ever seen one in a real movie theater. Oh yes, I occasionally see parts of one on TV. I usually leave the room to engage in another activity when Ronni watches one. However a few years ago, I did endear myself forever to a longtime friend of ours by presenting her with a copy of the ultimate "chick flick", *An Affair to Remember* (1957) starring Deborah Kerr and Cary Grant. Needless to say, I had to

buy a second copy for Ronni. So I have a personal recommendation to all the old guys out there for that special occasion when you don't know what to give. Give two DVDs: *An Affair to Remember* and *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993) starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan (it is entwined with *An Affair to Remember*). You might also add a CD of the sound track from *Sleepless in Seattle*. It has many classic songs from Gene Autry to Nat King Cole to Jimmy Durante to Louis Armstrong to Carly Simon. The DVDs will be viewed many times and the tears will roll (while you sneak out into the garage to work on one of your special projects).

Last week was not a good week. I was reminded again that life is really fragile. I hit my mixed doubles partner in the back with tennis serve, something that players do without major incident. This time, I ruptured her spleen and she spent five days in intensive care. Enjoy each moment of retirement, do what you can to make the world a better place, don't pretend to be twenty years old, and watch where the hell you hit the ball (or aim your vehicle).



FIELD REPORTS

LOU DAVIT - Milwaukee

I was so proud to see that JCI was a sponsor of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. My wife, Jackie, and I visited there last Summer - had a great time. 'Minnie Pearl' and I even had a picture taken together. The Grand Ole Opry museum is a fun time also - goes way back in country music.



KING SCHULTZ - Milwaukee

We've moved into a new residence in Carlsbad, CA. I enjoy reading the newsletters!

I am still flying my Cessna Turbo 210 once a week or so—always on Instrument Flight Rules!

VERLE WILLIAMS - California

We have moved into a great retirement village, although I've not been able to fully "retire"! The age lets us live here~!

From Marvin Lawhorn - Roanoke



(Left to right): John Hamilton, Tony Reynolds, Marvin Lawhorn, Donnie Lawson, Danny Wilmer, Doug Spencer, Penny Pendleton, Jimmy Kinger, Tim Brady, Harless Bain, Ralph Nolley, Doug Walker [not pictured: Tm Schaff]

308 years of service to JCI is represented in this photo from the Roanoke, VA branch. The group, some retired, some still working, got together for lunch and plan to do so again.

Confession from the editor: My office isn't as organized as it should be..... This picture was sent to me a while ago and I misplaced it until now!! My sincere apologies!





Rocky Mountain Chapter Reports

By Bob Pagliasotti

and all the members of the Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is alive and kicking!

We are still meeting every other month - the meetings are well attended and people seem to enjoy them very much. We held meeting #75 on December 10th; it was a Christmas luncheon and there were 29 people there. Hard to believe we have been meeting for over 12 years.

We have a very worthwhile thing going here and we applaud the nucleus of you folks that are keeping it going. It represents a lot of effort and we want you to know that it is much appreciated.



Dar Meyer & Catherine Bruno



Dorothy & George Eckert



Chuck Cluff, Leon White, Tom Pike



Teda & Rod Wight



Bill & Dar Braak, Barney Meyer



Jim & Audrey Williamson



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First Time Attendees to the quarterly Luncheon held January 15, 2009



Darrold Boree, Nelda Blatt, Jude Anders



Milwaukee County Historical Society Needs Your Help!

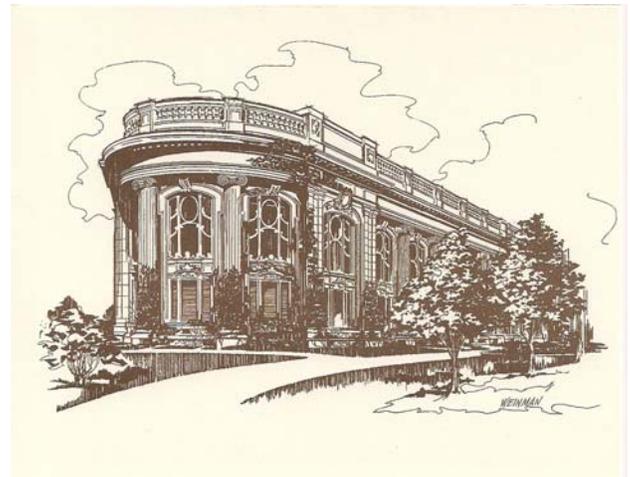
Do you recall Dr. Bob Teske who spoke at our 2008 Biennial Reunion on the subject of Milwaukee Buildings in the mid 20th century? He is the Executive for the Milwaukee County Historical Society. He has need for at least one more of the cast brass thermostat covers that were offered to us at the 100th anniversary of Johnson Service Company in 1985.



He is shown here receiving one from John and Ann Enright to cover up an ugly mark on the oak paneling in his office. The

architects for the remodeling and Bob were extremely happy because it covers exactly the area of the "scar" in the beautiful restored oak paneling on the north office wall. Bob was surprised it was still in the original 24-year-old box, complete with mounting plate and screws, with the instructions and mounting screws still enclosed in a plastic bag.

Bob has need for at least one more thermostat cover like this. If any retiree wishes to donate one of these bronze 1908 replica thermostat covers with thermometer that were cast especially for the 100th anniversary of JSC, please contact John Enright at enrights@wi.rr.com or 262-323-1789.



Milwaukee County Historical Center occupies the former Second Ward Savings Bank Building. Built in 1913 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it houses a museum of Milwaukee history, an extensive research library and archives, and the offices of the Historical Society. Adjacent to the Center is Pere Marquette Park, the approximate site of Father Marquette's landing in Milwaukee in 1674.

The building was also the filming site for part of the movie Dillinger, starring Johnny Depp, premiering later this year.

**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 Quillinan passed away on February 5, 2009. After enjoying six months of retirement from the Seattle branch, he returned to teaching at North Seattle Community College in the HVAC Department, a program he helped establish in the 1970's. He is survived by his wife, Kay, five children and seven grandchildren.

Ray Carlson passed away November 16, 2008. He had been with the Fargo, ND branch and worked for JCI for 35 years. He is survived by his wife Loretta, three children and grandchildren. His oldest daughter passed away in 2005.

Bernadette Gaudet, beloved wife of JCI retiree Jerry Gaudet, passed away on January 13, 2009. Survived by their five children and their families.



MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDAR

MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:

**July 16, 2009
October 15, 2009**

**Deadline for information to be
submitted to editor for the next
newsletter:**

May 12, 2009





From the archives...

On **November 6, 1847**, Warren Seymour Johnson, the founder of Johnson Controls, was born to Charles and Emeline Johnson in Leicester, Vermont. Two years later, the family boarded a sailing vessel in Buffalo, New York bound for Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The family settled first in Waukesha (just west of Milwaukee) and later to homesteads in central and northern Wisconsin. By some accounts, Johnson had a harsh childhood, marked by the death of his mother in 1855. He received little formal schooling, but acquired a self-taught education from books, observation, and experimentation. In a precursor to his later career as an inventor, Johnson kept a book in which he sketched and described a number of inventions in the fields of chemistry, electricity, and mechanics. As a young man, Johnson worked on his father's farm and in the lumber mills of northern Wisconsin. He also learned the printer's trade and, at the age of seventeen, secured the position of foreman in the office of the *Lean Wolf*, a Durand, Wisconsin newspaper. In the next ten years of his life, Johnson worked as a surveyor and school teacher. Eventually, he

became the Superintendent of Schools for New Lisbon, Wisconsin in 1874. In 1876, Johnson took a position as a professor of mathematics, sciences and drawing at the State Normal School in Whitewater, Wisconsin. During his teaching tenure there, he came up with his idea for regulating temperature in buildings through the use of thermostats - an idea upon which he founded this company in 1885.



This daguerreotype of Warren Johnson on his horse "Fox" dates from the 1860s.

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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