

# Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, April 21, 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
- Tomato Stuffed with Seafood Salad

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

#### **Program: Changing the Neighborhood on Wall Street**

A description of how by changing the way institutional investors view Johnson Controls, we can drive higher stock prices and create greater shareholders value

**Speaker:** Glen Ponczak, Vice President,  
Investor Relations

Glen joined the company in 1988 and is the company's primary liaison with institutional investors, responsible for communicating with the investment community on the company's markets, growth strategies, and financial expectations.

Glen received a B.S. degree in Mass Communication from Western Illinois University

Be sure to send your reservation and Menu Selection by Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> to

Sharlene Wardinski  
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#### January program

*Report by Sharlene Wardinski*

Although we were disappointed because Mary Ann Wright missed our January luncheon due to an unexpected business trip, we managed to get another speaker.

Of course he did not speak about Hybrid Technology and current Johnson Controls activities and market assessments but he certainly kept us entertained.

John Donovan was very happy to fill in and speak about a very interesting hobby -- Collecting Campaign Buttons. He has been collecting since the Eisenhower era.

Some of the stories he had to tell were very entertaining but, would you believe he gave us a test. For those of you who missed this luncheon, and the test, here it is.

We had 12 questions but due to space I cut it in half. Have fun

1. Whose cat was named Socks?
2. Who was the first Catholic candidate for President?
3. Why was the date October 9<sup>th</sup> important to a campaign?
4. Which Milwaukeean ran for President?
5. Who were Grits and Fritz?
6. Who was Thomas Eagleton?

John had a great display of the buttons he has collected through the years. Thanks John. Considering the short time you had to prepare you outdid yourself.

*[answers on page 6]*

# The President's Page



It's great to live in a part of the country where we "experience" the four seasons in the year. Wouldn't it be boring to have temperatures in the 70's or 80's all year long? As I write this it is a few days after experiencing an 18" blizzard in the Milwaukee area. Our house (see above) was not unlike most others in our neighborhood. While there was a lot of work cleaning up following the storm, we can be thankful that we have not had weather that is near as bad as many other parts of the country, or even the world.

Like numerous other businesses in Milwaukee, Johnson Controls was closed on February 2. For those of you who worked in Milwaukee, can you ever remember any days when the company announced it would be closed the next day? I can recall a number of times when we closed early due to snow storms, but I don't remember any times we were told to not come in the next day in anticipation of a storm. The most difficult traveling that I can recall was leaving work about 2 pm and not getting home until about 6 pm, normally a 30 minute drive.

Throughout the years I have often heard people comment after a hot summer day in Milwaukee that it is our "one day of summer". Although I have only lived here about 50

years, I don't find that to be true. Occasionally we have some cool weather during the summer, but most of the time it is pretty nice. Seldom is it overbearingly hot. The cold winters make us look forward to spring even if we are not into outdoor winter activities. My biggest beef with Milwaukee weather is generally how long winter lingers on. But autumn here is a beautiful time.

Most likely every one of you can recall an extreme weather experience that you have survived. Write and tell us about it. Erica's address and email address are in the newsletter.

Perhaps you have other things you would like to share with the readers, like some memorable or humorous experience while working at Johnson, or something that you have done or are doing in retirement. Send a picture too. You could even be so bold as to share your contact information when you do so. You might be surprised to hear from an old friend. It happened to me after the last newsletter. Although we did not really know each other during our working days at Johnson, Ban Capron and I had a nice phone conversation about baseball history. You'll see why when you read his submission to this newsletter.

The newsletter is perhaps the main reason the society exists. While we get some information from the company archives, we need that personal contact that comes from our members. So please take a few minutes and write.



# FIELD REPORTS

## BAN CAPRON – DALLAS

### **From a Baseball Fan to All Baseball Fans**

Perhaps I'm way off target when the focus is to be Johnson Controls, but I really enjoyed reading the Presidents Page about baseball in the last issue. I could closely relate to everything said as I was raised in Chicago and was a huge White Sox fan. Yes, I too listened to the games on the radio as it was before television was available to most of us.

As a kid in the late 40's and early 50's baseball was everything or at least close to it. In those days, unlike today, you could get close to the players. They would actually talk with you. They were our heroes and most behaved like heroes to us kids.

I lived on the far Southside of Chicago at 103rd Street. Comiskey Park was located at 35th Street South and Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, was on the North side of Chicago. That gave me access to both teams and I became an autograph collector. I went to many games but more often the entire plan was just to get autographs.

I knew when to leave home to greet the players when they arrived at the ballpark. The home team would come in cars, taxis, the elevated or any way they could get there. The visiting team would often come in a bus. I'd be there waiting for them. The other option I had was to leave home during the 5th inning. It would take me several buses and the elevated, but I'd get there just before the game ended and catch the players as they left the ballpark. Most would be very willing to sign.

Ultimately I had a huge unwieldy scrapbook that measured 17" x 13" and was 6" thick. It was all organized by teams and I saw them all. In the scrapbook were blank pages for an entire team to sign, lots of pictures cut from magazines for the player to sign, etc. For teams like the White Sox I had everyone's autograph even including the radio announcer Bob Elson, the new television announcer Jack Brickhouse, and the owner Charles Comiskey. In my mind's eye I can picture Hall of Famer Luke Appling walking down the clubhouse stairs, always being the last one to leave, with a big cigar in his mouth to greet his admiring fans.

It all started in 1948 when I was in something called the Indian Guides and got Jim Thorpe's autograph. He was perhaps the greatest athlete of all time. Seriously, look it up on Google...

Ultimately the collection grew to over 600 autographs of almost 400 players. Over 100 autographs are on various size colored pictures. Over 75 autographs are on black and white pictures. There are literally hundreds of pictures of players included. When you consider that there were only 16 teams at that time, 600 autographs show the depth and penetration into virtually every team. This collection really captures a large slice of baseball history and a significant part of my heart.

Of special note are autographs of 57 Members of the Hall of Fame (actual total of 107 autographs of 57 different members). Players such as Honus Wagner, Tris Speaker, Jimmie Foxx, Rogers Hornsby, Carl Hubbell, Connie Mack, Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio, Satchel Paige, and most of the great players of the day are included.

Of the 31 MVP's between 1931 (the first year of MVP's) and 1962, the autographs of 25 players are included from the American League (some players won more than once). Of the 22 MVP's between 1933 and 1955 the autographs of 14 players are included. 18 no-hitters were thrown by players whose autographs are included.

The collection grew to golf, boxing and football, but the other major area was jazz. Jazz was big in Chicago and was and is big with me to this day. Chicago was one of the world's jazz centers during this period. The autograph collection includes 39 autographs of jazz artists 9 of which are in the Jazz Hall of Fame. Most of the great stars of the time are included such as Louis Armstrong, Stan Kenton, Duke Ellington, Gene Krupa, Buddy Rich, Oscar Peterson, Buddy Morrow, Harry James and Lena Horne. The majority of these autographs were collected at The Blue Note in downtown Chicago.

Does anyone have a good idea of what to do with this collection as I'm getting up there as they say? If anyone wants to visually see some of the collection, send me your email address and I'll send you a slide show.

*Editor's Note: Ban emailed a few pictures to me for inclusion here, but they didn't transfer well so I decided to omit them.*

## FIELD REPORTS CONTINUED

### **Corporate Responsibility Magazine Ranks Johnson Controls First in 100 Top U.S. Corporate Citizens List**

MILWAUKEE, March 4, 2011

Johnson Controls (NYSE:[JCI](#) - [News](#)) today announced its first-place ranking in *Corporate Responsibility Magazine's* 12th annual "100 Best Corporate Citizens List". The company ranked first based on its performance in seven key areas: Environment, climate change, human rights, philanthropy, employee relations, financial and governance.

"*Corporate Responsibility Magazine's* first-place ranking of our company recognizes our long-standing commitment to corporate responsibility," said Stephen A. Roell, chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson Controls. "We are honored to be recognized as a leader in this area and congratulate all of the companies named to this list. We are proud of our employees, who bring the spirit and focus of *CR Magazine's* criteria for this ranking to their work every day. We applaud our employees' dedication to our values, which govern their interactions with all of our stakeholders and underscore our commitment to the environment, human rights and the communities where our employees live and work."



The entire article can be read:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Corporate-Responsibility-prnews-2789232571.html?x=0&.v=1>

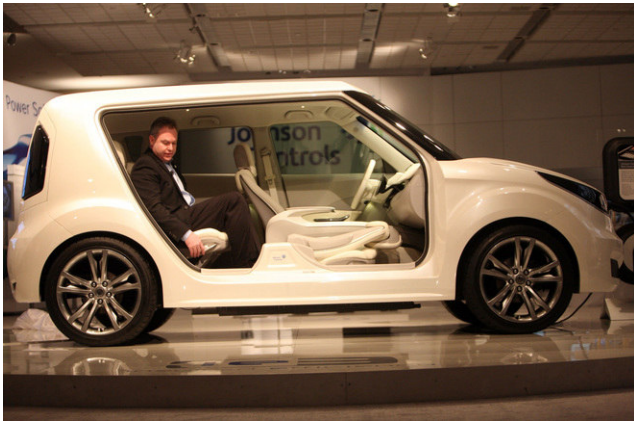
### **Submitted by John Enright**

An article by Ron Caffrey has appeared in the February issue of Engineered Systems magazine. He presents the proposition that the building automation business isn't growing as fast as it could because of owner concerns that the technical expertise required of a system operator won't exist.

He suggests a paradigm shift in BAS offerings based on the this thought - "Instead of providing building operating people with sophisticated hardware and software and then lamenting the fact that they do not maximize the use of these systems, perhaps it's time to make the systems even more sophisticated and *expect operating people to leave them alone!*

Ron is still active consulting and writing about the BAS industry. Web site is [BCSPartners.net](#) and there is a link there to the article. He has also been active mentoring small business owners through the SCORE organization.

He and Kathy are still living in St. Petersburg, FL, both playing tennis several times a week and welcoming northern friends and family in the winter months.



Stressing its know-how as the auto industry moves toward more fuel-efficient technologies, Johnson Controls Inc. unveiled a concept car showcasing its lithium-ion battery technology as well as flexible folding seats.

Dubbed ie:3, the car is a five-passenger all-electric car that includes Johnson Controls-Saft batteries in the car's floor. The battery pack's design uses less space, allowing more room for storage than other electric vehicles packed with batteries, the company says. The car's target range is 100 miles per electric charge.

The Glendale automotive interior company is joining carmakers in showcasing a commitment to greener technologies this week as the North American International Auto Show kicks off in Detroit.

Automakers are detailing their plans for electric vehicles and expanded use of hybrid-electric cars as well as lighter materials and other innovations aimed at boosting gas mileage and reducing emissions linked to global warming. That comes as the carmakers seek to comply with fuel economy standards that are ratcheting up the average mile per gallon for new cars and light trucks.

Johnson Controls is showcasing not only its lithium-ion batteries from its power solutions business, but also flexible seats developed by its automotive experience business, based in Michigan.

Seating enhancements incorporated into the vehicle include stadium seating that enables the

floor of the passenger side to accommodate a suitcase when the seat is up. The rear seats fold flat to the floor for increased storage.

"We wanted to provide interior and battery solutions for smaller, fuel-efficient vehicles without compromising functionality, comfort or spaciousness," said Beda Bolzenius, president of the automotive experience business at Johnson Controls, in a statement.

At the same time it's important for suppliers such as Johnson Controls to be ready to deliver high-quality products with a commitment to help bring down the cost of the batteries.

### **Ford alt-fuel models**

Ford Motor Co., which unveiled plans in Las Vegas for an all-electric Ford Focus, followed that up Monday with an announcement that it plans to produce hybrid and plug-in hybrid versions of the C-Max minivan that will go on sale in 2012.

Ford said the plug-in hybrid C-Max will be able to go 500 miles using a combination of its battery and gas engine, while the hybrid version will get better fuel economy than the hybrid Ford Fusion sedan, which gets 41 miles per gallon.

Milwaukee is among nine cities, including Detroit and Chicago, where Ford will recruit salaried engineers specializing in batteries, system controls, software and energy storage relating to electric vehicles, Ford said. Ford spokeswoman Marcey Evans said the engineers would work in Michigan.

Johnson Controls is a partner with Ford, having worked together on the TransitConnect electric delivery van. In addition, Johnson Controls-Saft, the Glendale firm's joint venture with French battery developer Saft, was named the supplier for another Ford plug-in hybrid that's expected to go on sale next year.



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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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**Answers to John Donovan's Quiz:**

1. Bill Clinton
2. Al Smith
3. Nixon sent the troops to Cambodia.
4. Frank Zeidler
5. Gritz- Jimmy Carter, Fritz -Mondale
6. Vice President for Walter Mondale

*In Remembrance*

Dale Majkowski passed away December 27, 2010. He retired from JCI with 43 years of service. He is survived by his four children and their families.



**A Stunning Senior Moment**

A self important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

“You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one”, the student said loud enough for others to hear. “The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed... and many more.”

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. “You’re right son. We didn’t have those things when we were young... so we invented them. Now, what are you doing for the next generation?”

The applause was amazing!





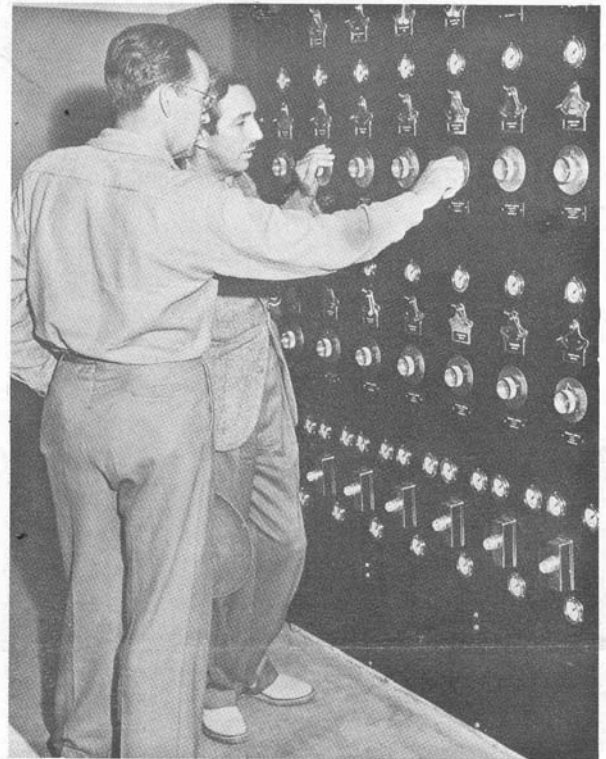


## From the archives...

### **The Johnson Service Company installation for Disney's new studios, December 24, 1939**

Walt Disney Studios opened its new campus in Burbank, California on **December 24, 1939**. The Johnson Service Company installed complete control systems in all of the studios, artists' rooms, and in all of the buildings where painting and photography were carried out. The varied climate needs of each building called for an equal number of specialized systems to meet those needs. For instance, in the buildings where film was handled, the relative humidity had to be maintained at a constant 65% to prevent accumulation of static electricity. Walt Disney was able to fund the building of his new studio complex with the success of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the first American-made feature-length animated movie and the first animated movie made in Technicolor. Before *Snow White*, Disney was best known for his Mickey Mouse character, which appeared in a number of animated short features beginning in the 1920s. After *Snow White*, the Disney Studios went on to produce a succession of classic animated features such as *Bambi*, *Fantasia*, *Pinocchio*, and *Peter Pan* that are considered classics of the genre, as well as a series of popular cartoons featuring characters like Donald Duck, Goofy, and Pluto. In the 1950s, Disney's growing empire began to make live-action movies, produce a long-running television series, and, in 1955, opened the

Disneyland theme park near Anaheim, California. Even after Disney's death in 1966, the company he founded continued to expand into a multi-billion dollar television, motion picture, vacation destination and media corporation. Today, the Walt Disney Company owns, among other assets, five vacation resorts, eleven theme parks, two water parks, thirty-nine hotels, eight motion picture studios, six record labels, eleven cable television networks, and one terrestrial television network.



Mr. Walt Disney (right) and Chief Engineer Wm. Garity took over Johnson control panel in Camera Bldg. at Disney Productions, Inc.

### **Caption:**

Mr Walt Disney [right] and Chief Engineer Wm. Garity look over Johnson control panel in Camera Bldg. at Disney Productions Inc.

## 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.

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