

Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

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

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, July 20, 2006

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: \$11.00

Menu Selection

Roast Sirloin of Beef
Tomato stuffed with chicken salad

Program: Radio Days Reunions & Road Shows
Speaker: Gordon Hinkley

Gordon Hinkley started in radio as a teenager, growing up in Port Edwards, Wisconsin, 21 miles from Pittsville. His first job was as a disc jockey in Wisconsin Rapids. Gordon spent 3 years in the Army in WW 11 in Europe. In 1950 Mr. Bob Heiss invited Gordon to join the team at WTMJ in Milwaukee where he worked on radio and TV until his retirement in 2001. Gordon earned high ratings on his shows over the years. Hinkley was inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcaster's Hall of Fame and also the National Radio Hall of Fame.

HELP

We need an electronic keyboard for Gordon's presentation. Does anyone have one available or can borrow one from somebody? Please advise Sharlene as soon as possible. My phone number is listed below.

Mark your calendars and join us on July 20th. Reservations are required with menu selection and payment by July 12, 2006.

Sharlene Wardinski
3656 So. 82nd Street
Milwaukee WI 53220
Phone: 414-543-6414

April program

Report by Sharlene Wardinski

Randall "Ran" Hoth was our guest speaker in 2000 and looked forward to returning for another session. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. His presentation was very interesting and informative. Schemes and scams have been going on for years, but for some reason, seniors seem to be an easy prey.



Ran Hoth - Better Business Bureau

REUNION UPDATE

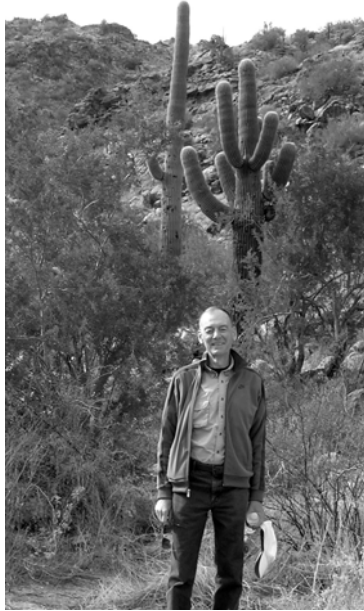
Watch for a special notice coming out soon regarding the reunion. Remember to keep the special dates of September 29th and 30th open. Time to visit with old friends, find out what's happening with the company and just relax and have fun!

We look forward to seeing everyone.



The President's Page

Messages from Tom Parris



We arrived back in Milwaukee on May 12th after a perfect winter in Arizona. The greeting was not pleasant (one leaky pipe, one stopped drain, one leaky roof, one cracked basement wall, lots of yard debris, unmowed grass, etc.). I reminded myself of how I vowed not to own two homes based on the numerous coffee break stories from Chet Surprise, Ray Feller and others. So far, we made a very small dent in disposing of the accumulation of stuff in this 38-year-old home..... maybe we'll sell next year.

Now that I'm done whining, its time to do a little retirees' business. A big thanks to those who covered for me while I was away having fun. I especially need to thank John Donovan and John Enright, as well as Sharlene Wardinski, who is completing six years of organizing our luncheons and is working on her third Biennial Reunion.

This is an even numbered year, which means the election of a slate of officers at the July 20th Luncheon followed by

Biennial Reunion festivities on September 29th and 30th. Hopefully, you are blessed with good health and we will see a large number of you at the reunion. The plans look great.

We always are in need of retirees to step forward and assume formal positions in this organization. The board meetings are enjoyable and the workload not too heavy. Sometimes, you even get to interject a story or joke of your own. Financially, we do not need to worry about our ability to continue as a viable organization. Participation-wise, we do! We should not need to twist arms to get participation. (Boy, working on a roof sure makes me cranky!)

FIELD REPORTS

Doug Decker - Controls, Milwaukee

We are back in Corfu Greece after leaving Limerence "on the hard" for five months. Corfu is famous for celebrating Greek Orthodox Easter which was April 23rd. We enjoyed watching some of the festivities in Corfu Town. Even though the past month was very quiet, it is good to be back on board preparing for our summer cruising.

In the past week the island has blossomed with wild flowers everywhere. We have a car and have enjoyed driving to the more remote spots around the coast. The package tours from Great Britain are just gearing up and hotels and restaurants opened this week. The tourists started arriving here in Gouvia Marina a few days ago, and the charter boats are polished and ready to go!

Many of you know that Judy had double knee surgery over the winter. She is doing well and maneuvering on the boat - except for kneeling which will come later! Daily bicycle rides are helping with the rehabilitation. The surgery is quite remarkable and she reports that her knees feel like a "teenager's".

The Mediterranean Cruiser's Radio Net is slowly forming again as people start traveling, and Doug is on the radio in the morning with his weather reports! Don't forget that we have our travel logs on our website as well as the Mediterranean weather index. www.deckersailing.com

We'll leave very soon for our cruise through the Aegean Sea to Turkey.

Drop us a note and please stay in touch!

Best wishes,

Doug and Judy Decker

Marlin Conzet - Controls, Sioux Falls, SD

I retired from JCI 12/31/2006. This picture of my wife and me was taken at my retirement party.

Tom Gannon set me up by calling me to have dinner with he & Debbie (Tom & Debbie were originally from the Sioux Falls area and comes to Sioux Falls quite often) and James & Wendy Moe (James works out of Sioux Falls and was from the same town as Tom). The six of us were to meet the evening of Jan 6th. So much for a sit down dinner, Tom set me up for the surprise party.

Besides all the JCI people who attended, loads of JCI customers were in attendance. Contractor, Engineers and Owners.



FIELD REPORTS

Ron Williams – Controls Milwaukee

In March of this year wife Pat and I visited South Africa for the first time in twelve years. Although the trip again included Cape Town, we also had the opportunity to experience for the first time the beautiful Garden Route along the southern coast. Other highlights included visits to Stellenbosch the country's splendid wine capital, a number of fascinating game reserves, Islandawana, the site of the most famous Zulu victory over the British. Accommodations were excellent and included a night at a typical South African farm. We had a chance to try such tasty treats as wart hog and kudu carparcio.



Cape Town and Table Mountain from Robin Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned



Ron & Pat Williams, Cape of Good Hope



Typical game reserve accommodation



Zulu war dance



Typical Stellenbosch wine estate.

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

August 15th

MARK YOUR 2006 CALENDAR

MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:
July 20th

Biennial Reunion
September 29 and 30, 2006



Groaners

Engineers' Conversion Tables

2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds

Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower

10 rations = 1 decoration

1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen

Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond

Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our illustrious VP Membership, John Enright, shown at a Habitat for Humanity site in Beaumont, TX for nine days in April of this year. Note the JCI Retirees shirt and the happy attitude. The group of five men from Habitat for Humanity-Ozaukee County, worked on three houses in Beaumont.



John Enright, Habitat for Humanity



More Groaners

A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE IS LIKE, NIGHT.

WHEN EVERYTHING IS COMING YOUR WAY, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG LANE .

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS USUALLY THE SIGN OF A BAD MEMORY.

**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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for the **Foundation Office**.

In Remembrance

Jack Vierheilig passed away on May 17th after a six month battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Rose and their four daughters and their families. Jack retired in 1995 after over 30 years with JCI.

E. B. "Pete" Henkle passed away on January 17th. For most of his 29 years with JCI, he was regional engineer in the Pacific Coast Regional Office. His wife, Norma, 3 children and 8 grandchildren survive him.

Lorelle MacLean, beloved wife of the late Jim MacLean, passed away in Canada on June 8th. Jim was manager of the Halifax office, then VP Sales, JCL, then Managing Director - Europe.



We have been unable to reach some members my mail; perhaps because they moved and didn't notify us of their new address.

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following, please send information to John Enright, VP-Membership at enrights@sbcglobal.net, or 262-377-2587.

They are:

Nils E. Anderson - Controls
Last address in Lisle, IL

Bob Whitmore - Controls
Last address in Carmel, IN

Ben Bastian - Corporate
Last address in Whitefish Bay, WI

Seth A. Thomas - Controls
Last address was Spokane, WA





News from the wire.....

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin.....June 13, 2006

Discovery World lands \$3 million

Donation from Johnson Controls will finance largest exhibit

Johnson Controls has pledged \$3 million to Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, and the largest contribution to the education center to date will finance its largest exhibit.

"The TechnoJungle: The Hunt for the Next Great Idea" will showcase the Milwaukee manufacturer's past and future innovations and encourage visitors to imagine their own inventions.

"This exhibit will use personalized interactivity and forward-looking technology to give young people and their parents a sense of the possibilities of the future," said John Barth, Johnson Controls chairman and chief executive officer, in announcing the contribution Monday.

The donation continues the efforts to finance, finish and fill the science and education center being built on Milwaukee's lakefront.

Johnson Controls joins Rockwell Automation, Briggs & Stratton Corp., the Wisconsin Energy Foundation and Badger Meter as large corporate donors financing exhibits.

In addition, Milwaukee Area Technical College has pledged to provide \$3 million worth of multimedia and high-definition video equipment to be used to create science- and technology-based educational programming.

In its two buildings, Discovery World will house 200 exhibits in 120,000 square feet. It is scheduled to open in September at a projected cost of \$63.7 million.

"You can't walk around this building without being excited by the prospects," Barth said. "Now we're going to have to go to work to make it come together."

Visitors to the 5,130-square-foot TechnoJungle will explore some of the technology that the Milwaukee-based manufacturer has used in its products: batteries, automobile interiors and building climate controls and security systems.

The exhibit, projected to open in November, will offer insights into how those products were developed and show the links between humans and the gadgets they use.

Johnson Controls' \$3 million commitment to the TechnoJungle extends over five years, and the company will lend its technological expertise, as well. Engineers and innovators, part of the company's 2,000 area employees, will serve as docents to work with visitors.

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

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

Send your \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

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