

# 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, July 19, 2007

Alioto's  
3041 N. Mayfair Road [Hwy 100 & Burleigh]

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Cost: \$11.00

#### Menu Selection

- Roast sirloin of beef
- Tomato stuffed w/chicken salad

Program: Broadway Wannabees  
Speaker: Sally Kramer

Time for a little fun and laughter! The Broadway Wannabee's is a creative group of retired ladies and two men who perform to the oldies but goodies from the 1920's to the 1960's. They will have you clapping your hands and tapping your feet as they bring the old favorites back to life. Their unique blend of singing, dancing, and funny skits will turn any occasion into a rip roaring time.

Send reservations with menu selection and payment by Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> to:  
Sharlene Wardinski  
3656 So. 82<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Milwaukee WI 53220  
Phone: 414-543-6414

**Please make sure you list your menu selection on your check or with a special note.**

#### Transportation Assistance

If you are unable to attend a quarterly luncheon because you need assistance getting to Alioto's, please call Carol Lomonaco at 414-524-4704. She will help you arrange a ride to and from the restaurant (if you live in the Milwaukee area).

#### April program

*Report by Barbara Helgesen*



As you can see above, Al Clayton & his wife Ruth came dressed to show us the 23 days they spent on safari in Africa. They traveled by Land Rover, however, the roads were not like home.

Their home base was Nairobi and from there they took (3) safari into places like Kenya, Tanzania (Mt. Kilimanjaro), Zanzibar and other places of interest. On each safari, pictures were taken of typical animals of the area like Cape buffalo, elephants, warthogs, impalas, lions, zebras, ostriches, gazelles, hippos, crocs and many others. One time they traveled by air balloon and saw views of more animals and landscapes.

On one of the safaris they were treated to a bush dinner with food, primal music and native dancing with colorful beaded dress. The commerce there was beautiful antiques, spices, tours and in years back they had slave trade. Needless to say, we saw a great "Out of Africa" by the Clayton's.



# The President's Page

*Messages from Tom Parris*



Like my new photo at Lake Pleasant in Arizona? Every time I see a pickup truck towing a boat in the desert, I am amused. It always seems incongruous (desert, cactus and water within a stones throw). Yet, a mere twenty-minute drive from Phoenix is this lake where one can boat, fish, hike (see wild burros and hawks) and camp. There are numerous dams in Arizona, which create excellent lakes for boating. Yes, it can get hot in the desert; but cool mountains and evergreens are less than 100 miles away.

The Mexican border is only a few hours drive. And what do my tennis-playing friends do in Mexico? They don't but trinkets. They have their teeth repaired, dentures made and eye glasses made. They claim that there are 200 dentists and 50 optometrists just across the border from Yuma in Algodones and that costs are only 30% of Arizona costs. I suspect that this business will grow exponentially once we have socialized medicine. It's not just US citizens that take chances with these low cost services in Mexico.

Many of my neighbors and my tennis-playing friends are "Snowbirds" from Canada. The Phoenix area sees about 500,000 visitors from Canada every winter. Many drive to Mexico for these services.

We sold our home in Greendale, Wisconsin in May. We leased a small two bedroom in Greendale to use during the summer. We had 39 years worth of stuff in our home (some stored for our children). Less than half of that stuff would fit into the apartment. I made innumerable trips to Goodwill and the dump; and St. Vincent DePaul made a few pickups. Many of you have gone through the same agony. I don't want to go through it again. Why do we need all of that stuff? My new philosophy is to own just enough stuff to fit in a nursing home room. To that end, I plan to scan a lot of photographs and take digital photos of items so that they may be stored on CDs or DVDs and given to our children. When I leave this earth, I plan to leave a minimal trash footprint.

# FIELD REPORTS

## Barbara Helgesen – Milwaukee

The 7th Annual Hales Corners Lutheran Church Foundation Golf Outing was held June 20, 2006 at Western Lakes G.C. It was the second year that they played as a team and this year they placed 2nd having lost only first by one stroke. Each player played a specific job: Bill was the manager and short game player, Connie & Pat were the long off the tees since the Ladies tees were forward more than the Men's tees and Barb was the designated putter. Good all around management for the group.



Connie & Bill Pilger, Barbara Helgesen, Pat Pagel

## Phil Meyer – Milwaukee, living in AZ

In 2004 I decided to retire from JCI to be closer to my daughter and ride my motorcycles a lot more. I get to ride every weekend now all year long.

I also accepted an offer as the HVAC Controls Service Manager for a JCI affiliate (ABCS) to build a Controls Service Division. I figure that this will keep me busy for a couple of years, then I can travel the country on my motorcycle and see the USA before I get too old to ride.

And I'm also continuing to train so I can lift competitively in my age group in the Bench Press and Deadlift. I can't believe I've been lifting weights, or pumpin' iron as I like to say, for over 45 yrs now. Time sure flies as you get older.

## Bob Pagliasotti – Colorado Chapter

We are still meeting on the second Wednesday of even months; 6 times a year.

We just celebrated our tenth anniversary; Bob Lindsey came out to be with us, also Charlie Butcher. Had 27 people at the meeting, cussed and discussed a lot of old times and had an absolute ball!

Bill Braak is doing very well, spending his winters in Palm Springs with his lovely wife Darlene.

## Ron Williams – Milwaukee

Pat and I enjoyed a 10 day Danube river cruise from Vienna to the Black Sea and back as far as Budapest. We then spent a couple of days in Warsaw before returning home. It was a great way to visit multiple countries without the hassle of having to frequently pack and unpack. The changes since our last visits to countries such as Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria were dramatic. Warsaw which had been 80% destroyed in WWII proved an agreeable mixture of rebuilt to look old and Soviet era concrete boxes.



Hungarian Parliament Building



# FIELD REPORTS

## John Enright – Milwaukee

I guide tours at the Lighthouse at Port Washington and I had the privilege of giving a tour to Andy Schlidt's son, Andy III, and grandson, Andy IV (who is called Drew). Drew was there as a member of a Cub Scout Den. Andy III is an attorney at one of the biggest law firms in Milwaukee; they live in Cedarburg. Andy is quite tall, good looking, extremely pleasant, and affable.

I also know two senior members of the law firm; one is the managing partner and the other is a senior partner. One of them commented on the young attorney, "Andy is just as great an attorney as he is a nice guy." So what's new?

Andy III said that his mom, Tess and the family are getting along reasonably well after Andy Jr.'s death on February 17<sup>th</sup>.



Drew and Andy III at the Lighthouse



Andy Schlidt IV at the helm with Evan Graham at the Chadburn Telegraph

Andy Schlidt Sr. worked as an estimator for a construction firm called H. Schmitt & Sons, Inc. in Milwaukee. As a teenager, Andy Jr. worked with his father on various projects around the city.

Andy Schlidt Jr. was a top salesman in the Milwaukee Branch, then the Branch Manager and later the Regional Manager. More recently he headed up the Controls Division operations in the United Kingdom and in Japan and solved problems in both countries.

## John Enright (continued)

Sometimes it pays to be old.

One is when Wisconsin residents purchase an annual Wisconsin State Park Admission Sticker.

Annual fee for old folks (65+):	\$10
Annual fee for younger folks:	\$25
Daily fee for old folks:	\$3
Daily fee for younger folks:	\$7

These are definitely a bargain. They work in all Wisconsin State Parks for one year.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>

## Website Link

The Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees website:

<http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/retirees/> now contains a link called *Company Information*. There are currently two items at that link.

The first provides access to information and the form used for the Johnson Controls Foundation matching gift program. If you are making a contribution to an eligible educational organization or arts institution, the Foundation will match your gift if you complete and enclose the printable form with your gift.

The second link is to the Johnson Controls Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan. It contains the information and links required to become a participant. You might want to consider this plan as a means of providing the gift of stock to your children or grandchildren.

# Johnson Controls Archives

## This Week in History

### May 1901

A Johnson Electric Service company sales contract ledger entry from May 11, 1901 indicates a sale of two pasteurizing tanks to Miller Brewing Company of Milwaukee. Although Johnson Controls' history is generally associated with temperature regulation systems and devices, company founder Professor Warren Johnson's laboratory spawned a variety of products sold by the company in its early years, including springless door locks, chandeliers, puncture-proof tires and yes, pasteurizing tanks too. The contract book also notes that Miller paid \$380 for the tanks and some extras in August of the same year.

The Miller Brewing Company was founded in Milwaukee by Frederic Miller in 1855 making it one of the oldest businesses in Wisconsin (and thirty years older than Johnson Controls). Miller was purchased by South African Breweries in July 2002 to form one of the largest brewers in the world.

### May 1968

The fashion industry showed off new looks at the recently completed Globe-Union administrative and research building, as per a Milwaukee Journal article from May 23, 1968. Today the building serves as Johnson Controls' corporate headquarters. Perhaps the building's elegant appearance (it was recognized in 1968 as one of Milwaukee's most stylishly innovative business facilities) led it to be chosen by Heritage Milwaukee as one of the sites for the traveling fashion show and photo shoot. The day of haute couture began with champagne breakfast aboard a paddle-wheeler on Lake Winnebago. The next stop was Mount Mary College in Milwaukee for a showing of students' designs. From there, the group traveled to Globe-Union for a luncheon in the board room and a fashion show in the auditorium. Reflecting pools outside the building served as a backdrop while models previewed designer John Boughton's fall collection.

### May 1995

A Johnson Controls press release from May 17, 1995 announced the development of a new intelligent vehicle seat that automatically adjusted to the driver's body characteristics. The prototype self-positioning seat system was introduced that same day at the Automotive & Transportation Interiors '95 Exhibition and Conference in Detroit.

With the use of advanced sensors, a microprocessor, software, anthropometric comfort and safety data, and integrated motors, the innovative seat system could automatically sense the driver's weight and height, analyze the data, and move the seat base, seat back, and headrest to the optimum positions for safety and comfort. According to Johnson Controls executive director of engineering, Bob Velanovich, the self-positioning seat system "was a significant advance beyond driver-adjusted memory seats. The system "removes the driver's guesswork and the risk that the seat is not set correctly."

*Editor's Note:*

*This feature is brought to you by Mr. Ken Wirth, Manager of Records and Archives at Johnson Controls, Inc. If you have historical information or artifacts to share, please contact him at 414-524-2287.*

**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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**Johnson Controls is looking for  
your feedback and help**

The human resources department for the home office of Building Efficiency, formerly known as the Controls Group, wants your help to create a retirement packet. As an increased number of employees are expected to retire from the baby boomer generation, we are zoning in on our existing exit process, especially for retirees.

Please send your recommendations of information that was, or would have been, helpful during your transition into retirement. Items like contact numbers you found valuable, what you wish you would have known, etc.

Please send your comments to:

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**A different type of finger painting...  
look closely!!**



First Time Attendees to the quarterly Luncheon held April 19, 2007



Ron Kuchenreuther, Paul Wichman, Bev Waller, Ron Waller, Doug Morrison



## Groaners



Two fish swim into a concrete wall.  
The one turns to the other and says  
"Dam!"



Local Area Network in Australia:  
The LAN down under



A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in  
France:  
Resulted in Linoleum Blownapart



A backward poet writes inverse



A plateau is a high form of flattery



Paradox: Two physicians



Eclipse: What a British barber does

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

August 14, 2007



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:**

July 19<sup>th</sup>

October 18<sup>th</sup>

January 17, 2008



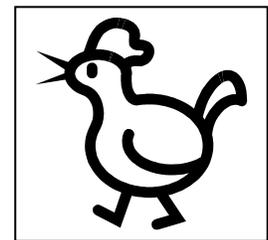
The short fortune teller who  
escaped from prison:



A small medium  
at large



A chicken  
crossing the road:  
Poultry in motion



And finally...

*There was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh.*

*No pun in ten did.*

## 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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