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NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, July 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

Menu Selection

- Chicken Normandy (boneless chicken breast stuffed with bread dressing) parsley buttered potatoes
- Breaded Pork Tenderloin, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables

Program: JCI: Renewables Business

Speaker: Don Albinger:
VP Renewable Energy

Don Albinger, as Vice President of Renewable Energy, heads up a team of energy experts. His team is responsible for developing and deploying the technologies and expertise surrounding a variety of renewable sources—wind, solar, landfill gas, biomass and photovoltaic. A major focus of the team is the development of customized deal structures and project implementation of customer renewable energy opportunities.

The team also support projects with customer education programs and grant writing support to take advantage of funding opportunities for emergency technologies.

Don has been with Johnson Controls since 1984.

Be sure to send your reservation and menu selection by Wednesday July 8th to

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April program

*Report by
Sharlene Wardinski*



Listing the April program as “Real Life” nobody knew what to expect. All they were told was that the speaker actually lived the experience and it was listed in the paper through the years.

Carolyn Janisse, formerly Carolyn Smith, gave a presentation regarding the cults that were going on years ago. Carolyn's daughter was part of a cult and Carolyn was bound and determined to save her from that life.

When joining a cult there are eight steps that are used to keep you there: brainwashing, hunger, fatigue, tenseness, fear-love relationship, repetition, threats, and lack of privacy.

Kidnapping was one of the only ways to save anyone. At times there were 6 cars involved in getting someone away from that area.

The good news was Carolyn saved her daughter and everything has turned out well.

Carolyn has given speeches to different organizations, and worked with parents to help them get their children away from the cults.

Cults are still active to this day, and thanks to Carolyn we know a little more of what goes on inside.

Thanks Carolyn.

The President's Page

Random Musings of the Prez



I've had to admit that signs of old age are creeping up on me. This fall, we had the interior of our home painted. It was the first time in my life that I had someone else do the painting. At the pace that I work, it would have taken "forever". We had it painted by a tiny, perpetually smiling woman with a thick Mexican accent driving a huge Chevy pickup. She was recommended by friends and neighbors and does contract work for a large homebuilder. Eight rooms plus baths, hallways and closets were double coated in a week and looked far better than my paint jobs. Next spring..... the exterior.

A middle-aged couple has been trimming our trees and shrubs every spring and fall. One day, a group of us tennis players were sitting under the shade trees at the "coffee shop" discussing our endless trimming; we concluded that we had an average of about 40 plants. Watered plants here in the desert grow really fast. The trees like Palo Verde need to be thinned out every six months in order to avoid wind damage; that

means removing 12-foot branches. The gardeners haul off a large trailer of our yard waste every time. Today, the pest control man, Bob The Bug Guy, is coming. Where am I going with this trend of thought with my growing personal laziness? Unemployment insurance! What?

These people are part of heart and soul of America, the hard-working small-business owners. If they don't work, they don't get paid. They do not qualify for unemployment insurance. If you can with America's current economic worries, hire them.

There is long list of hard-working talented people who don't get that crutch of unemployment benefits..... Owner-operator truckers, contract computer specialists, small plumbing and electrical contractors, home remodelers, freelance writers, freelance animators and artists, plus various shopkeepers and service business owners. Hire them. Pray for them.

FIELD REPORTS

The saga of the Thermostat Cover

Jerry Bell – Lubbock, TX

Saw the need in the recent newsletter for the replica thermostat. I have one in the original unopened box. If I give it up, it will come with a cost/challenge to the JCI Retirees Rocky Mountain Chapter. One of my community service activities is fund raising for the Garrison Geriatric Center, and we are now in the thick of it!

By copy to Barney (Meyer) my challenge is that they raise a MINIMUM \$100 donation for me to part with it..... this beautiful beloved JCI artifact that I have nurtured and treasured for the last 24 years. To guys like Meyer, Braak and Pagliasotti this puny amount is like small change in the corner of their petty cash drawer.

Barney, the ball is in your court!.... I'll be watching my mail box.

Barney Meyer – Dallas, TX

Hi Bob (Pagliasotti) -- As you can see from the attached e-mail from Jerry Bell, he is putting the arm on the Rocky Mountain Chapter for \$100 to go to his favorite charity so that John Enright can get his JCI T'stat. Jerry was always a good negotiator which is why Lubbock was so profitable and Jerry retired so wealthy. Can we pass the hat at the April meeting or does our kitty have enough spare cash to cover this blackmail by Mr Bell?

Jerry Bell – Lubbock, TX

The t'stat is shipping to John this week. Blackmail is a strong word, but unfortunately (for me) possibly accurate, so I'm offering a different perspective to ease my conscience. The t'stat donation is being made by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of JCI retirees. The Rocky Mountain Chapter will pay one of Jerry Bell's favorite charities a mere \$100 for storing it for them for the last 24 years. The Rocky Mountain

Chapter will receive all the credit/accolades associated with the t'stat donation. Look at it this way..... you guys & gals are donating the t'stat AND creating a \$100 donation that will assist our older generation of great American's suffering from various forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's, to live their life with a bit more dignity. Way to go ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER..... GREAT AMERICAN'S serving GREAT AMERICANS!!!!

John Enright – Milwaukee, WI

The historic thermostat cover, sealed in the packing carton for 24 years, was opened in front of all. For donor Mr. Jerry Bell of Lubbock, it's too late to return it on an M. R. A. Barney Meyer and the Rocky Mountain chapter met Jerry's challenge to collect over \$100 as a condition of Jerry's sending the cover for the Milwaukee County Historical Society. The donation went to Jerry's favorite charity, a geriatric center.

<http://www.sears-methodist.org/content/view/162/253/>

Jerry Bell had 44 years of service with JCI, most recently in Lubbock TX under Barney Meyer.



Pete Wrenn sent an older thermostat cover with the early twentieth century logo "JSC" with all letters on top of one another. Mike Wolf, Jacksonville FL, Bill Killian from Sarasota, FL and John Pozorski from Fox Point WI also offered thermostat covers.

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Ron Williams

In April and early May, wife Pat and I travelled to Corsica and Sardinia , two places we had always wanted to visit. As a kid I had been fascinated with the French Foreign Legion and knew that for many years this historic French military unit had been based in Corsica the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. With the exception of one regiment, the Legion is now on mainland France but its presence is still very visible. Sardinia on the other hand was a mystery to us notwithstanding 12 years in Italy. The opportunity to visit both with a small travel group could not be passed up.

In April both islands, Sardinia is much the larger and ironically furthestmost from the Italian mainland, are beautifully green with flowers in bloom everywhere. By July and August everything will be brown, burned and incredibly hot. Both Islands have wonderful beaches and during the hot summer months attract countless mainland Europeans for sun, fun and food. And the food is wonderful on both islands. In Corsica it leans toward French with local touches such as wild boar ragout while Sardinian cuisine is a unique form of Italian and heavily oriented toward seafood.

In two and a half weeks we never saw a chicken let alone eat one. The scenery was often spectacular and provided interesting surprises such as a huge number of cork, olive and chestnut trees. Thousands of the latter have been abandoned due to the hard manual work involved in processing the nuts. Weather in April and May is very mild and was virtually rain free during our visit.



Bastia the capitol of northern Corsica. The island's major port and business center. Main harbor for ferries to Italy and France.



The fortified city of Bonifacio at the southern tip of Corsica is the jumping off point for Sardinia. The citadel is perched high above on magnificent sheer cliffs.



A view of the upper city and citadel from the ferry on its way to Sardinia .



89 year old Sardinian lace maker

First Time Attendees
to the Quarterly
Luncheon held April 16, 2009



Joel Richmond, Debra Salaty, Mary Beth McKibbin, Howard Jensen

2006. All agreed that travel is great, but life in the USA the best! Doug and Judy Decker are cruising Limerence 600 miles up the Intracoastal Waterway in May to their home in Pawleys Island South Carolina.



Dave Bigler & Doug Decker



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Doug Decker & Dave Bigler

In April 2009, Doug & Judy Decker and Dave & Carolyn Bigler met for breakfast at a cafe in Juno Beach Florida!

The Bigler's own a resort condo in Jensen Beach overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. The Decker's sailboat, Limerence, has been based for the past two years in Palm Beach Gardens Florida. . . a short distance from the Bigler's winter home. Except for the COLD winters, the Biglers live in Marietta Georgia outside of Atlanta.

It was enjoyable to share stories about friends, family, and the joys of retirement! The Biglers toured Limerence, the 37 foot Beneteau sailboat that Doug and Judy lived aboard for nine years while they cruised throughout the world. The boat was shipped back to the States from Marmaris Turkey in



Carolyn Bigler & Judy Decker



Limerence

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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

Hal Wedemeyer passed away on May 5th.
Survived by his loving wife Martha, their
four children and their families.



Happy Anniversary!!



Al and Norma Mozejewski

Celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary at
the April luncheon!!

Congratulations!!

Christine Szyperek
celebrates her 50th anniversary as a
JCI employee in July!!





From the archives...

Johnson Service Company installs system in world's tallest building, May 1, 1908

On **May 1, 1908**, the Singer Sewing Machine Company opened its new building on Broadway in New York City. In 1907, the New York branch of the Johnson Service Company installed 128 thermostats and 160 valves at a cost of \$5,390 in the soon-to-be-completed skyscraper. From 1908 to 1909, the Singer Building was the tallest building in the world at 612 feet, which easily surpassed the previous holder of that distinction, the 511-foot-tall Philadelphia City Hall (which also included a Johnson Service Company temperature regulation system, not to mention a Johnson-made tower clock larger than London's "Big Ben"). The Beaux-Arts style, red brick building was designed by architect Ernest Flagg and was originally supposed to be only 35 stories, but the company soon decided to nearly double the height of the building. The Singer Building lost its title as the world's tallest building when the Metropolitan Life Insurance Tower (also located in New York City) surpassed it at 700 feet upon its completion in 1909. Unfortunately, in 1968, the Singer Building also became the tallest building ever to be demolished, as it made way for the U. S. Steel Building (now known as 1 Liberty Plaza). Today, Johnson Controls is supplying 24 chiller units to the cooling plant for the "Downtown Burj Dubai" development in the United Arab Emirates. This project will include the current holder of the world's tallest building title – the 2684-foot-high Burj Dubai (or Dubai Tower) which is set to open in September of this year.



The Singer Building towers over its neighbors in this 1908 photograph taken from a nearby New York Street corner.

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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