



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 & ELECTION OF OFFICERS THURSDAY, July 15, 2010

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 Ham with fruit sauce
- ❖ Grilled chicken breast salad

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

Program: Hybrid Technology and
Current Johnson Controls
activities and market
assessments

Speaker: Mary Ann Wright
Vice President & Managing
Director of Johnson Controls and
Saf's Business Accelerator for
Advanced Storage Solutions

Mary Ann has a very impressive background. Prior to joining Johnson Controls, she was Executive Vice President Engineering, Product Development, Commercial and Program Management for Collins and Aikman Corp.

Mary Ann has been recognized by Automotive News as one of the "Leading 100 Women in the Automotive Industry." In 2010 she received a Distinguished Service Citation from the Automotive Hall of Fame. She was named as one of the "top 50 Women to Watch" by the Wall Street Journal in 2008.

Be sure to send your reservation and menu selection by Wednesday July 7th to

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WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR THE RETIREES

*Report by
Sharlene Wardinski*

Celebrating their 125th Anniversary Johnson Controls set aside one special day for all the retirees and a guest. On May 15th the Glendale campus was open from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

All retirees had a chance to tour the campus, with Ambassadors available to assist you. Signs directed you to specific areas for videos or exhibits on Automotive Experience, Building Efficiency, and Corporate and Power Solutions.

Keepsake photos were taken in front of the Historic Corporate center building and printed for you immediately.

All retirees were eligible for a raffle to be held the following week. You did not have to be present to win. All winners were to be notified by phone.

A complimentary lunch was set up in the cafeteria for everyone and was enjoyed by all. It was a gathering place to meet your friends and former colleagues.

The Warren S. Johnson Society for Retirees had a table set up manned by retirees, to answer questions or sign up new members for the Organization.

A parting gift was given to all the retirees as they left the building.

A number of people were involved in planning and organizing this Reunion and we thank them very much, along with the Ambassadors who volunteered their time and services.

A special thank you to Johnson Controls and especially Mr. Steve Roell for having this day set aside to recognize the retirees, and their contributions thru the years to help make this an outstanding company.

The President's Page

Random Musings of the Prez



I write this the day after our Mothers Day celebration. I shed a tear in church when we sang How Great Thou Art, the song my mother often sang even with dementia. I shed another tear last Friday when the stock market dropped 900 points at midday. Today it is up 400 points and we agreed to help bail out big European banks over the weekend. The Washington administration is battering we Arizonans about our recently passed law to enforce the Federal Immigration Law. Lots of 40 and 50 year old children have moved in with parents here where I live because of the severely depressed job market and the businesses that they lost.

It is really upsetting that you and I are leaving our country in such a topsy-turvy condition. To quote Peter Finch's character; "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dib2-HBsF08>

How did we allow short-sellers, day-traders, margin buyers, highly leveraged hedge funds and currency traders to cause such devastation? These are high stakes, high risk gamblers. They are not investors. There is not a Warren Buffett in the lot and they are adversely affecting the value of most of the pension funds in America.

It really is strange how some politicians claim that the Arizona Police are just waiting to persecute Americans of Mexican heritage with the new state immigration enforcement law. They have really insulted our dedicated officers. Statistics show that about 30% of the illegal immigrants have criminal records in Mexico. Hey if you were "on the run from the Federales", where would you go? And whom do these criminals prey upon? Why mostly our legal Mexican-American citizens of course..... not us retired old coots living in suburbia. We in the Phoenix area do not relish being just behind Mexico City as the kidnapping capital of the world. Now that twelve other states are proposing similar enforcement laws, I feel better.

Hopefully, you and your children have not been severely affected by our world's financial uproar. Heck.... you can feel really good for paying for half of my neighbor's electric golf cart and his solar panels!

Celebrate your memories of the 125th Anniversary and thank the JCI officers for subsidizing our Reunion. See you at the July 15 Luncheon for a good time and our election of officers.

FIELD REPORTS

Doug Morrison – Denver , Madison, Minneapolis, Peoria, Chicago, currently IL

I was hired by Bill Braak and started in Denver in April, 1971. My first boss was Bob Pagliasotti. With all the talented and caring individuals at the branch and Bill and the Regional Staff, I was not allowed to fail.

As part of my training I had to drive to Craig, CO one night to commission a newly installed fire alarm system at a telephone office the next day. In the process of descending from Rabbit Ears Pass late at night, I came around a curve and my windshield was filled with 2 steers in the middle of the highway. Hmmm, maybe there was merit to the “Open Range” signs I recalled a few miles back! No ABS, no air bags or any of the other safety equipment we take for granted nowadays. Got stopped OK though!

Life went on to other adventures and JCI locations, each a highly positive experience as we had the best “can do” people in the office and the field everywhere. It didn’t hurt that my bosses to come were some of the best in the business also:
Jim Brennan (3 times/3 locations), Gene Ward, Bob Lindsey, Andy Schlidt, Tom Barley, Joel Lehman.

Diana and I celebrated our 40th in April and we enjoy visiting different parts of the country in our RV. Our car and bikes go with us and we are as long as a tractor trailer on the highway. We live in a gated townhome community on the Fox River where I serve as President of the Condo Board. We both are still able to water ski though not as aggressively as the old days! Also spend time with Habitat rehabbing and building new homes both locally and in the Gulf.

Paul Wichman – formerly Training Dept in Milwaukee, now FL

La Verne and I, with our daughter and her family, celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary May 21st



Paul & LaVerne Wichman, Luanne & Dave Podeszwa

WARREN S. JOHNSON SOCIETY OF RETIREES

May 15, 2010

BIANNUAL REUNION

Our reunion was earlier than usual this year but it worked out great combining it with the celebration of Johnson Controls 125th year.

The day started early with a self guided walking tour at the Glendale facility, which has been renovated, and is considered one of the world's most sustainable and environmentally friendly campus.

Along with the renovations everyone had a chance to view a Historical Documentary Video, along with an interactive Historical exhibit, have a photo taken, enter a raffle, enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast, and also a complimentary lunch.

Along with everything else you had a chance to visit with friends and colleagues.

The Warren S. Johnson Society had a table at the Glendale facilities to greet members and non-members. The table was manned by members of the Society, explaining how the organization works, led some non-members to join immediately.

The members of the Society were also invited to a dinner at the Italian Community Center for a nominal cost.

There was time again to visit old friends and colleagues.

After dinner the entertainment was by The Easy Days Quartet.

Johnson Controls sponsored everything, and a special Thank You goes to the company and Mr. Steve Roell for the \$5000.00 donated to the Warren S Johnson Society for the evening banquet.



**Warren S. Johnson
Society of Retirees, Inc.**

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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In Remembrance

Marvel Paprocki passed away on March 19, 2010. Loving wife of Raymond for 72 years. Also survived by their two sons and families.

Former JCI employees you'll remember:

Estelle Papia, passed away March 6th
Virginia Bryl, passed away May 29th



**Send your photos and info about
what you're up to these days!**

Wasn't it fun catching up with old
friends at the reunion?
Others would love to hear from you
too!

What keeps you busy?
Traveling?
Volunteer work?
Community service?

Your newsletter is here to share
"what's new" with you. Send info and
photos to Erica Wolfe for inclusion in
upcoming editions!!



**Election of Officers
At the July 15th luncheon!!**

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.

Send your \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

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“Warren Johnson had a vision”



Mr. Brengel would have been so proud of this event and the company he loved!













