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NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, January 15, 2009

Alioto's 3041 N. Mayfair Road
(Highway 100 & Burleigh)

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cash Bar – Lunch – Meeting

Cost: \$12.00 [note price increase]

Menu Selection

- Ranch Style Swiss Steak
- Broiled Cod

Program: How to relax and unwind after the holidays

Speaker: TBD

Did you have a hectic Holiday season? Well, now's the time to learn to relax and get back into the real world. Some of the questions you need answers to are:

- What do I do with all that leftover turkey.
- When should I use that gift card?
- Did I eat too much?
- Do my clothes still fit?

Answers and suggestions will be given at the luncheon!



Send reservations with menu selection and \$12.00 payment by Wednesday January 7, 2009 to:

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

July Luncheon & September Reunion

By Tom Parris

Our biennial election of officers was held at the July 17th Luncheon. Once again, the slate of incumbent officers was elected unopposed. Please show the officers and board members your appreciation for their volunteerism and energy.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back row: John Meyer, Paul Froehling, Neil DeVries, Ron Kuta, John Enright,
Seated: Bonnie Lenz, Kasim Sinnamohideen

I hope that those of you who attended our Biennial Reunion had a great time. Many thanks again to Sharlene Wardinski who organized a great event. Thanks to Erica Wolfe for consistently producing outstanding Newsletters and to John Meyer for the Reunion photographs. We also owe special thanks to JCI for subsidizing the event. More specifically to Steve Roell, who has given us his time, his energy, his speechifying and his authorization of company funds. Thanks to Dave Myers VP & President of Building Efficiency Division for also speaking. Please show them your appreciation.

The President's Page

Random Musings of the Prez



Now that the long drawn out election season is over, it is time for healing. With that in mind I would like to honor the most vilified, maligned, insulted and threatened citizen of our great country, *the millionaire*. Every big business like Walmart and "big oil" was similarly vilified. How can they do this? Hey.... I'm "big oil". My 401k and IRA accounts always held "big oil" stocks and Walmart, as does nearly every pension plan. Didn't big businesses like JCI create great well paying jobs? "Mom and Pop" businesses cannot build automobiles or TVs, or HVAC systems, or refine oil, or pay decent wages. Thru the years, I've been blessed to personally know a significant number of millionaires because of where I went to college, the sports I've played, the jobs I've held and where I've lived.

As a group, I've found that millionaires have been nicer and more generous than most any other group. Most celebrate every Holy Day. They are the people that build our places of worship and museums. They build our hospitals. They are the people that support the visual arts and music. They endow our universities. They hire the

interior decorators and the gardeners. They have antique automobiles restored and own auto-racing teams. Without them, there would be no horse racing. Without their support, we would have a drab dull world.

We hear stories from the past disparaging old-time industrial and transportation giants and some of their harsh policies and personal greed. They accumulated great wealth; but like all of us could not take it with them. Their wealth became a source of establishing great centers of learning, health, art, perpetual charity, etc. We all have better lives in spite of their personal "greed". Andrew Carnegie typified that era. His industries paid low wages; but without him there would be virtually no public libraries. He funded more than 3,000.

Hail to the millionaires and the big business crowd. I love them all. May they be happy. May there be more. They inspire the youth of America to achieve, to create new things, to create new resources, to bring wealth and a higher standard of living to all. Isn't that better than the *all of us should be poor* theme of the rationing/sharing crowd?

FIELD REPORTS

Barbara Helgesen – Milwaukee

With Santa busy at the North Pole, Mrs. Claus visits residents at Villa St. Francis in Milwaukee to spread a bit of cheer.

It is a joy to walk around as Mrs. Claus with a basket of candy kisses and peppermints. When residents are asked if they would like either of the candies or a hug, most respond “I’ll take a “hug” please. Then after the hug, they accepted a piece of candy too! Each resident has their picture taken with Mrs. Claus to remember their moment.



As member of the Hales Corners Lutheran Church she joined the puppeteers last year and went to the Villa St Francis and the Village of Methodist Manor. After the program, all the puppeteers come out from the curtain area and distribute puppets to the residents. They all sing and move their puppets with joy and love of the season.



At Hales Corners Lutheran, there are many groups that support needs of members. The group that Barbara works with is a fellowship one called “Hi Timers” which are 55+ members. As the organizer activities of the group, Barbara is busy making plans for next year after having a good year of music, history and potlucks.

Carol Lomonoco – Milwaukee

I found a great way to get to and from Milwaukee and Chicago, as well as other cities like St. Louis, Memphis, Minneapolis, Ann Arbor to name a few.

You buy the tickets online with a credit card only. The tickets are usually available to buy 45 days in advance. There are some seats per time for \$1, some for \$3, \$5 up to \$14.

Log on to www.megabus.com. Select the US/Canadian Flag in the upper left. Select the city you’d be leaving from and you will then choose your destination city

This is an economical way to go to Chicago for a day trip. Take the grandkids to the Lincoln Zoo or to the Museums or the American Girl shop. I have been using the bus for a couple of years now. It is truly the best known secret or the best deal I know of when it comes to getting to and from Chicago. It beats paying \$40 round trip for an Amtrak ticket!!!

John Enright – Milwaukee

Norm Janisse was the very first recipient about 1985 of the Chairman’s Award for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction. He was selected from 28,000 employees at the time and the award was presented to him by Fred Brengel. John Enright lifted the award from the study at Norm’s home and brought it to the meeting in July!



Enright & Janisse



Chairman’s Award

FIELD REPORTS

Alice Voight - Milwaukee

At the July 17th Retirees' luncheon, I won tickets to the August 11th Milwaukee Brewers baseball game on at Miller Park. We had a great time and want to thank Johnson Controls for the tickets! The Brewers won, too!



Ann Trochta, Joann Damato, Betty Erdmann, and Alice Voight

From John Enright's Database Update request:

David Weaver- Seattle/Los Angeles 1965-1994

I retired early, at age 55, moved to N.E Tennessee, got another job and retired again after seven years but I don't really think of the second job. If someone asks where I worked, I always answer "Johnson Controls". I now live in Menasha, WI and most people seem to be familiar with Johnson. I am proud of the company I worked for for 29+ years.

I spent many months in Milwaukee attending company schools but only for a few weeks at a stretch. I saw frost on the inside of the YMCA windows, snow berms and rotted out cars. This is our second winter living in Wisconsin and we have enjoyed WINTER!! We figured this was normal but the natives say it is unusual.

Our total snowfall is somewhere near 80 inches. We have had snow on the ground since late November. We are in our second warm spell, but the piles are still a few feet deep. We have an older but well built house so we have been able to get by very well. And so far my truck has started even when the temperature hit minus degrees. The snow has been pretty most of the time but now it is just old and dirty. We're ready for spring!
[written in March of '08]

Ron Williams

Pat and I recently spent two weeks in southern Italy. Food was fantastic and the people warm and welcoming. A friend took the photos of me talking to a waiter. Apparently hand gestures are a necessary part of speaking Italian.



REUNION 2008

The Biennial Reunion was held on September 19 & 20, 2008 in Milwaukee. Below are some pictures taken at the various events.

Friday evening, September 19th – Milwaukee County Zoo



Attendees enjoy a sumptuous appetizer buffet

Saturday morning & afternoon – JCI Headquarters in Glendale



Steve Roell & Dave Myers address the group



Bob Teske of the Milwaukee County Historical Society

Saturday Evening dinner – Magician David Seebach at the Italian Community Center



**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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First Time Attendee to the quarterly
Luncheon held July 17, 2008



Roberta Glomski

In Remembrance

Dan Turk passed away October 6, 2008.
Survived by his beloved wife Patricia, their
three children and families. He worked at
JCI for 37 years.

DK Stewart passed away on September 16th.
He was an employee of PanAm & JCI for
more than 40 years. He is survived by his
wife Betsy, five sons and their families.

John Halvorson passed away June 11, 2008.
He was with JCI for more than 35 years.
Survived by his wife Georgiana, their three
children and families.



**INFORMATION FOR
OUR RETIREES DATABASE**

Mail was returned as "undeliverable" for
Matt Filkewicz. If you have a current
address for him, please forward to John
Enright: enrights@wi.rr.com or regular
mail: 2360 Caribou Lane
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Thank you for your help!!



Johnson Controls Archives

Westinghouse chooses Johnson temperature control system, October 23, 1894



Editor's Note:

This feature is brought to you by Mr. Charlie Kemper, Assistant Corporate Archivist. If you have historical information or artifacts to share, please contact him at 414-524-4609

Many elite families and captains of industry in the last decade of the nineteenth century became customers of the Johnson Electric Service Company (Johnson Controls' original name). In that period, the new temperature control systems offered by the company were considered luxury items for residential applications.

Therefore, the names of wealthy clients such as Morgan, Astor, Pabst and Vanderbilt dot the company contract registers of the day, as they began to specify Johnson Heat Regulating Apparatus for their mansions.

Among these names was H. H. Westinghouse, who contracted for a Johnson installation in his newly built mansion in Edgewood, Pennsylvania on **October 23, 1894**.

H. H. Westinghouse was the vice president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and, later, the president of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company.

Both of those companies had been founded by his older brother George, the famed inventor and entrepreneur. Among George's many inventions were train air brakes, automatic railway block signals, the world's first practical electric locomotive, and the first practical application of alternating current for electric power transmission.

The Westinghouse brand name became well-known in the twentieth century for a wide range of products, especially light bulbs and household appliances. After the Westinghouse Electric Corporation bought CBS in 1995, the company sold off most of its remaining non-broadcast operations and changed its name to CBS Corporation. In 1999, Viacom, Inc. purchased CBS.

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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