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NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, January 21, 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

- Braised Tenderloin Tips w/noodles
- Chef Salad

Program

Memorable Experiences of JCI Retirees

Speakers

Kenneth J. Wirth
JCI Records and Archives Project Manager

Greg Voeller
JCI Director Global Employee Communication

Manny Marquez
Film director

Bring your recollections with you to this luncheon. Be ready to speak up on your most memorable experiences in your career at Johnson Controls for this meeting. Perhaps there were some "characters" that you worked with. Perhaps you were that "character". Short stories are ideal.

Ken Wirth will bring some interesting facts forward as we approach the 125th anniversary of Johnson Controls starting with the Johnson Electric Service Company.

Send reservations with menu selection and payment by Wednesday January 13, 2010 to

Sharlene Wardinski
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Phone: 414-543-6414

October program

Report by Sharlene Wardinski



Our speaker for October was Beth Hohenfeldt who has been working for the St Vincent DePaul Society for 14 years.

The Society was founded in 1833 by Frederic Azanam, a 20 year old student of the Sorbonne University in Paris.

Frederic and fellow students started to seek out and visit the poor of Paris in their homes, taking them bread and clothing.

Today the organization has grown to over 880,000 members with over 60,000 in the United States.

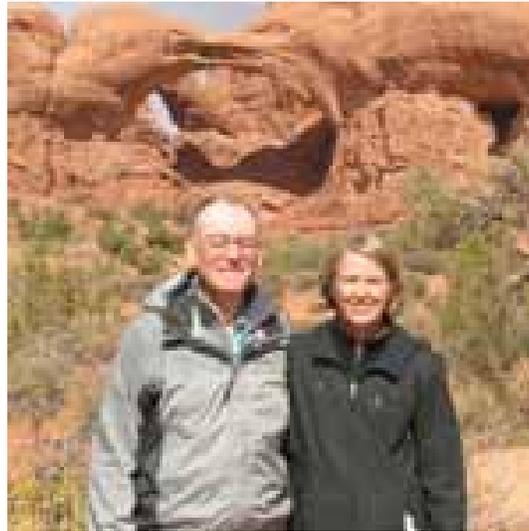
All work is done by volunteers, who help in all areas: sickness or disability, mental or physical, family problems, alcoholics, drug addicts, or people who are hungry, need clothing, or helping people to connect to resources and solutions.

Quite a number of our retirees' group volunteer their services to one organization or another.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul they can be contacted at area 414-462-7837.

The President's Page

Random Musings of the Prez



Why we do the things that we do (or another middle-of-the-night musing).

Ronni often exhorts me "Get out of the shower or we are going to be late." It took me many years to realize that I was truly abnormal in the amount of time that it took me to shower. It took me even longer to wonder why I took so long.

Until I was seven, the four of us lived in three rooms behind a dry cleaning / alterations storefront that my mother ran during World War II (my father was a welder then). We did not have a bathtub. I bathed in a small round galvanized steel tub placed in the middle of the kitchen floor. The water was heated in pots on the gas range. My mom poured the rinse water over my head from a copper teakettle. You can guess the rest of the story.

My first showers were in high school after fatiguing track and cross-country workouts. I was tired and aching. The hot shower water was oh so soothing and splashing in it was a luxury. Most of the team was long gone before I ended my shower, which often took a half hour. That ritual continued throughout my college days.

A lifelong friend and teammate of mine spent time in an orphanage. He was only given a change of

underwear every other day. He wasn't quite as bad with the shower thing but he was extremely meticulous at wearing and changing clothing. This behavior was passed on to his children.

As that little boy, we lived one block from Pabst Brewery. Every day I could smell the malt and hops; it did not leave a good impression with me. Neither did the old bar rag smell emanating from the two gin mills on our block. Nor did their weekend ritual of rolling the drunks out the door into the dark blue police wagons. It's no wonder that I never liked to drink.

There was a Tompkin's Ice Cream Parlor a block in the opposite direction from the brewery. I loved that place. It was so clean and so cool on those hot summer days. For two cents, I could get a small cone of fudge ripple. To this day, I have a great weakness / fondness for ice cream and custard that cannot be satisfied.

There is a moral somewhere in these musings. Something like..... We are all formed for good or bad by our earliest experiences.... What we like.... What we don't like.....What we prefer in politicians (capitalists or Marxists)....What we choose to learn....Why we believe or don't believe in God. And most importantly.... **we are all imperfect.**

FIELD REPORTS

News item [as shared by John Enright]

Al and Ruth Clayton are moving to Green Valley AZ, just south of Tucson. John Erickson lives there and will make a good golfing partner. They sold their house on the west side of Milwaukee. John Joseph Bartoletti and Theresa are in their newly built home near Cape Canaveral FL.

John Donovan

Life is busy. Adding four new kids and spouses in three new states plus eight new grandchildren takes lots of time. Jean and I went to South America in March and April for what proved to be a very physically demanding trip in the jungle of the Amazon headwaters, in the Andes Mountains with very thin air and the beautiful Machu Picchu, and then in the fascinating Galapagos Islands with their animals that know no fear of humans. The trip almost certainly accelerated the need for Jean to have a second knee replacement in January. No big trip plans for 2010 until we know how the knee replacement turns out - the first one went great

From the Archives:

The **September 28, 1983** edition of the Johnson Controls newsletter *Briefing* announced the company's Circles of Excellence (COE) program for employees. The program was designed to tie in to the upcoming Summer Olympics Games in 1984 and company commercials which were to air on the ABC-TV broadcasts of the Games. Employees were invited to participate in the program's four segments: company awareness, community involvement, customer satisfaction, and personal wellness.

Each segment ran from four to eleven weeks, with the personal wellness phase running concurrently with the other three. Employee participation in the activities of each part of the program earned them entries into prize sweepstakes drawings held at the end of each segment. In the company awareness phase, employees earned sweepstakes entries by filling out questionnaires or quizzes covering the company's history, philosophy, and policies. The second segment, community involvement, awarded employee participation in charitable and civic service. Participants in the customer satisfaction phase of the program were nominated by fellow employees for their excellence in this area. In the personal wellness phase, employees earned sweepstakes entries through activities designed to improve their well-being. The top sweepstakes prize for employees who participated in all four COE segments was a trip to Los Angeles to see the Games while staying on a luxury cruise liner.

The logo for Johnson Controls' Circles of Excellence program; the four circles represent the four segments of the program while also connoting the symbol for the Olympic Games





Rocky Mountain Chapter Reports

By Bob Pagliasotti

Our October luncheon was a special event; we were hosting some old friends from the past. Pete & Marge Conti were in Salt Lake City for a reunion of the crew of Pete's WWII Naval ship. We invited them to attend our luncheon and they graciously accepted, rented a car and drove to Denver (a 500 mile trip).

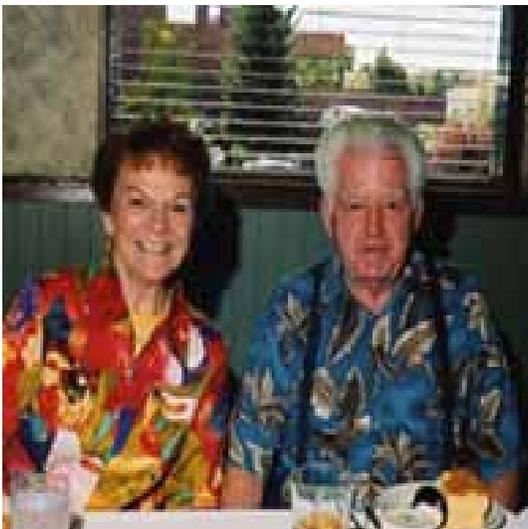
Pete was a sales engineer in Rochester NY and also spent a number of years in Denver in that capacity. He left the then Johnson Service Company 35 or 40 years ago and wound up in the mechanical contracting business in the Tampa-St. Pete area of Florida.

Over the years Pete built a very successful operation from which he is now retired, after turning the operation of the business over to his sons.

Just another example of a wonderful long term friendship of which Johnson Controls was the catalyst.



Bob Jeske, Lee McKie, Barney Meyer, Pete Conti, Leon White, Bill Braak, George Eckert, Bob Pagliasotti



Marge & Pete Conti

First Time Attendee to the quarterly Luncheon held October 15, 2009



Maria Brown



It's that time of year again!!

Do you need
matching gift forms?

They are available on-line:

Go to JCI.com -- click on
RETIREES -- then go to
RESOURCES and you are on
your way to get the forms
needed!



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

February 16, 2010

MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR

MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:

January 21

April 15

July 15 [election of officers]



Johnson Controls'
150th Anniversary

Celebration

May 2010

Details

Coming soon!!

**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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In Remembrance

Mike Mongoven passed away on 9/11/09. He worked for JCI for many years in various capacities in Dallas and was a key contributor in the success of SECD. He is survived by his wife Carol, 6 children and 18 grandchildren.





From the archives...

The first president of Johnson Controls, William Plankinton, was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania on **November 7, 1844**. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Milwaukee, where his father John began a meat-packing business that made him one of Wisconsin's wealthiest citizens.

William went into his father's business at an early age and also began his own company in South Dakota, the Western Portland Cement Company. By 1883, Plankinton had crossed paths with college professor and inventor, Warren Johnson.

Fascinated by Johnson's inventions, Plankinton formed a business partnership, the Milwaukee Electric Manufacturing Co., with Johnson that year in order to develop and market Johnson's inventions (including the first room thermostat).

Two years later, the two men started a new company, the Johnson Electric Service Co., that later became Johnson Controls. Plankinton was named president of the fledging enterprise while Johnson was named vice president, treasurer, and general manager. Plankinton served as company president until 1901 and as a director until 1902.

However, after his father's death in 1891, Plankinton devoted much of his time to the management of the family estate, which was one of the largest in Wisconsin. He also served on the boards of several institutions including the Milwaukee Industrial Exposition Association, Layton Art Gallery, and the Milwaukee Public Library and Museum. Plankinton passed away in April 1905 as one of Milwaukee's most honored citizens.



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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