

Warren S. Johnson Society Newsletter  
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## Spring Luncheon

Thursday, April 17, 2014

### Alioto's

3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$14.00

11:00 Gather ~ 11:45 Lunch ~ 1:00 Program

### Menu Selections

Chicken Romano

Sicilian Cod

Spumoni for dessert – that's Italian!

## Financial Planning for Retirement

Presented by: Michael Olson

J.P. Morgan Private Client Advisor

Fox Point, Wisconsin

Preparing for retirement, or, well into it, a sound financial plan is critical for peace of mind and supporting a fulfilling lifestyle. With a changing economy, financial and investment markets, a successful plan may require adjustments along the way.

Michael Olson will offer his experiences to us in his presentation on "Financial Planning for Retirement". Maybe you'll pick up an idea to two for your planning.

### Please:

Make checks payable to: **WSJ Society**, and

Mail to: **WSJ Society**  
**P.O. Box 1425**  
**Grafton, WI 53024**

in time to arrive by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also, let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation, or call Jude, VP Program at 414.351.1229.

## Society News

### *Winter Luncheon*

January 16, 2014

Back in 1975, Dennis Miller raised a question, "If digital control is the future for buildings, then why aren't we doing something about it?" It set us off on a 5 year quest – a great time!

Well, he's at it again. He must have asked himself, "If robots are in our future, then what can I do?" True to form, he's doing a great deal.

Dennis, our speaker at the Winter Luncheon, brought us up to date on walking robot technology. The facts vs movie versions came up as did reasons why this technology is so interesting and important.

Before the technology, though, he talked about his experiences bringing this and other hi-tech tools to school kids, from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders through high school. He's involved with the FIRST Robot competition and the Outreach program at Marquette U. School of Engineering. Dennis talked about the challenges and the rewards in helping kids do something they never thought possible.

And, Dennis provided a robot on each table, complete with instructions. After the talk everyone dug in and had some fun. They all worked! Good friends, good food, something to think about, and, toys to boot! Thanks Dennis.

Our first time attendees were: Clem Augustynowicz, Richard Schreiner, and Dave Walden.

Submitted by: Jude Anders, Program VP

## President's Message Paul Froehling



Ah, the beauty of winter. This photo from January 2014 is the St. Joseph Lighthouse on the southeast shore of Lake Michigan. Ice and snow can produce some beautiful scenes. However, those of us who have to navigate through and clear it from our walks and driveways soon become weary of it. Almost the entire country has experienced a severe winter. We might like to let the younger generations know how bad we had it back in our day. “We had to walk 3 miles to and from school, through 2 feet of snow when it was 10 degrees below zero, and it was uphill both ways.”

But it is true that people around the world have experienced many weather related natural disasters in the past few years. Modern communication technology makes it possible for us to know more and know it sooner when these things happen. As a result, support in recovery benefits through volunteer work and monetary donations. It behooves us to participate when opportunities arise.

While our current focus has been on winter weather effects, soon it will be flooding, then tornados and later hurricanes. Drought, too little or too much rain, extreme heat or cold – there are many ways weather affects us. Do you have a memorable weather event in your life? Perhaps someone should start a “Weather Group” on [wsjsociety.com](http://wsjsociety.com). I have a couple stories I could share – a tornado near my farm home when I was 15 years old (which made the front page of the Chicago American newspaper) and a carpool adventure getting home from work one winter blizzard-like day.



One of the nice things about the Midwest is changing seasons. After a long, cold winter, the emergence of plant life (and baseball) provides a greater appreciation of life. St. Joseph Lighthouse and Lake Michigan will have a different look. And the cycle repeats year after year. Life is good!

Paul Froehling  
President

# The Gallery



Dennis Miller & Walking Robots



Richard Schreiner



Who's This?!!



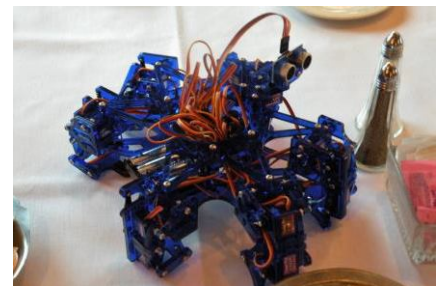
Future Engineer?



Clem Augustynowicz



Dave Walden



Marketing Dream?

Photos by Ron Kuta  
From the January luncheon  
See more at [WSJSociety.com](http://WSJSociety.com)

## People We Know

Each year the former SECD group from Dallas holds a reunion in Dallas in late October... It is always held at Spring Creek BBQ in the suburb of Addison, Texas not far from the old JCI Crosby Road facility. There are about 60 former SECD folks living in the area. This year 15 of the 16 attendees pictured worked for SECD at one time or another.

The group reminisces about the “good old days” ; remembers those who are no longer with us and talk about our current lives, families and activities. Several of the group are still gainfully employed while others have been retired for a number of years.

We enjoy the newsletter and look forward to each issue.



## People We Know

### Jim & Kathy Smith

Retirement has been very busy for Jim and Kathy Smith. Jim sent a summary of their experiences in 2013, family activities and a trip through 9 western states to check the scenery. They purchased a travel trailer for that one.

Just to stay busy at home, Jim started a business, Heritage Carving and Woodworking, LLC. He has his very own CNC woodworking machine. And, as you might expect from the guy who gave us The Advisor for so many years, Jim has his very own website on Facebook for the company.



### Ban Capron



Our granddaughter is living with us and just got a new dog. Is the attached still a Laptop or should it be called a Dogtop, Doglaptop or Lapdogtop?



## Stories Worth Repeating & Making a Difference

### What's New @ WSJSociety.com

Submitted by: Jude Anders

#### Connect/Photo Gallery

The Photo Gallery has been re-designed to include Special Exhibits as well as new Gallery space for events.

Check out the great pictures Ron Kuta took of our friends, the robots, at the Winter Luncheon. There is even a video of a robot in action. Also, check the Gallery of pictures taken at Reunion 2013 of the SECD-E Philadelphia Office.

There's lots of room here for a Gallery of your pictures taken at a local event of members in your area. Please send us your story and pictures to share.

#### Learn/From the Archives

I hope you enjoyed the Founder's Stories. Make sure to visit the Archive page to see all of the stories we've received from Ken Wirth. From time to time I'll change the publication date to the actual date of the original story. That way the time line will be in order. It's interesting to see the activities of the companies as they all developed.

#### Group/The Library

I learned how to add video. So, to start, I added a few of my favorite TED Talks to the Library. Do you have a favorite? To share it, just paste the URL into the Comment box.

#### Activity

Since the last Newsletter, member login has increased by 9% to 161. There is steady use, but it would be great to have your contributions.

Enjoy the site!

### Submitted by Milt Klingsporn

This past September I attended my high school reunion. I can't believe it was fifty years ago that we graduated from Pulaski High School on Milwaukee's south side. Where did the time go? (Oh yeah, a lot of it was spent at JCI.)

One of the activities that weekend was a tour of our old school. Mr. Darrell Williams, the principal, gave us the tour and pointed out some of the many changes to the school since we were students. He was especially proud of the automotive training the students are able to get today. Pulaski is the only high school in Milwaukee where students can graduate from high school and already have their ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification.

Imagine my surprise and delight when he told us that Pulaski is the only school in the country that has not one, but two hybrid vehicles in their automotive shop for students to study and work on, donated by Johnson Controls. I proudly let him know that I had worked at JCI.



From the Pulaski school web site: Our automotive program recently acquired two hybrid vehicles, a first-in-the-nation perfect match for the hybrid/alternative-fuel vehicle curriculum at Pulaski that exposes students to careers in automotive design, engineering and repair. <http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/selections/pulaski-high-school/>

## About the WSJ Society

The WSJ Society is a social group of people who share career experiences at Johnson Controls, Inc. The Society brings its members together to enjoy and help each other; and, contribute to community. Activities of the society are described at the website: [www.WSJociety.com](http://www.WSJociety.com). This Newsletter is published quarterly to contribute to those goals. Member stories and ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

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## *In Remembrance*

### **Ed Majewski**

Passed away December 19, 2013 at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife Arleen, three children and their families. He was a mathematician in Controls R & D.

### **Aldo Marelli**

Passed away on November 5. He is survived by his wife, Laura, and their four children. Aldo was the Factory Manager of our Lomagna Factory in Italy when it began operations in 1963.

### **Ben Gultch**

Passed away on December 1, 2013. He is survived by his wife Burnice, their children and families.

## Welcome Spring!!



## TIME?

..... *July is the time to renew your membership!*



Keep in touch with your colleagues and the new people you've met through WSJ Society activities by keeping your membership current.

**Annual WSJ Society membership dues are \$5....** You may choose to pay several years in advance, or pay a **Lifetime membership of \$50**. New members (only) paying after September 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited for both the current and following year. See inside for mailing address.

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 last year for which your dues are paid e.g. 2014, 2015; or, Life for Lifetime members.

## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

-- **Retired OR 20 Years of Service**

Have you retired from Johnson Controls, **or**, are you employed by Johnson Controls with 20 years or more of service?

If so, you are eligible for membership in the Warren S. Johnson Society. This is a social group, people interested in enjoying and helping each other, and, contributing to their local communities.

Check out the activities of the society online at [www.WSJociety.com](http://www.WSJociety.com). You may well find an old friend, something of special interest, or a new way to make your personal contribution.

