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Summer Luncheon

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Alioto's

3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$14.00

11:00 Gather—11:45 Lunch—1:00 Program

Menu Selections

Breaded Pork Tenderloin (w/Salad)

Tomato Stuffed w/Tuna Salad (w/Soup)

Chocolate Sundae for dessert

Program

Election of Officers

“Getting the Most Out of the Next Chapter of Life”

Presented by: Kim Beck

Director, Arts, Humanities and Science

UWM School of Continuing Education

There is no map to a fulfilling retirement that works for everyone. Some of us have been at it awhile, and continue to learn more at each turn. Maybe its time to review!

As Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM, Kim Beck has a unique perspective on the breadth of alternatives available to us today. He'll talk about those and lifelong learning. Don't miss it. You may get an idea that's just right for your next chapter.

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in time to arrive by July 10th.

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

Society News

Election of Officers

Election of officers is held at the Summer Luncheon of each Reunion-year. That's this year! Come and vote on July 17th.

Spring Luncheon

April 17, 2014

It was great to see some members who haven't been with us for awhile. And, Vicky Doering was our first-time attendee. Thanks for coming Vicky. We hope you enjoyed the luncheon and picked up some points on financial planning.

Our speaker, Michael Olson is a J.P. Morgan Private Client Advisor located at the Chase Bank Branch in Fox Point, WI. Michael has over 20 years of investment experience, and has been recognized by Milwaukee Magazine as one of Milwaukee's “Best Personal Wealth Managers.”

Michael shared some of his experiences and expertise in his presentation “Financial Planning for Retirement.”

One point to pass along to grandkids – this is a lot easier if you start saving for retirement as a teenager, compounding interest is a phenomenal thing!

Michael took us through setting goals for needs, wants and legacy. A financial plan is personal and unique to situation, stage in life, and goals. A three-bucket strategy offers structure, addressing the near 6 years, intermediate 6 years, and long term. And of course, for investments, Michael showed an exhibit that demonstrated the power of diversification, good points all.

Submitted by: Jude Anders, Program VP

President's Message Paul Froehling



Relationships

Think of all the relationships one develops over a lifetime. We begin with our immediate family and other close family members. As we grow, we develop friendships in our neighborhoods and then the schools we attend. We can go on and on with other phases of our lives that result in building relationships: our places of employment, military, church, teams, special interest groups, etc. Many of these relationships may last only for a while. Then we lose contact, sometimes due to circumstances, sometimes due to lack of interest in continuing the relationship.

For most of us, the years of employment and raising our families limited the amount of time we could spend maintaining relationships we may have developed over the years. Some of us moved away from the areas where we grew up and distance prevented us from the frequent contacts we previously had with family and friends.

For me, retirement has given me the opportunity to re-establish some of those relationships. I began working on my family tree a couple years before retirement, but have been able to pursue it more diligently since I retired. It has been very interesting to find and learn about ancestors, but even more interesting to find and meet living relatives that I never knew about. This past summer, I was able to organize a Froehling family reunion which was held in a small town in Illinois near where I grew up and near where the family had settled after

arriving from Germany in the late 1800's. Family members who had never before met attended. And, it seems that everyone enjoyed each other's company.

Social media has been a wonderful tool in re-establishing relationships. It helped me locate family members to invite to the reunion. I have had more contact with some of my high school and college classmates than I had when I attended classes with them. My wife, Karen, and I both communicate more frequently with relatives and friends using email and Facebook than we ever did before those tools became available.

What about the relationships we established at JCI? Are there people with whom you would like to remain in contact and to share experiences in retirement? [WSJ Society.com](http://WSJSociety.com) offers us the tool to do that. It also offers many other resources. We are grateful to Steve Roell and Alex Molinaroli for their interest in JCI retirees and providing the resources to build the website. Let's use it to the fullest. Sign up if you haven't already done so. Encourage others to do so also.

Paul Froehling
President

**Reunion 2014:
25th Anniversary of the Society
Saturday, September 27, 2014**

Submitted by: Jude Anders

The plan for Reunion 2014 is coming along very well. Here's the scoop, five activities are in the works for your enjoyment:

What's Up at Power Solutions?

We'll gather at Corporate HQ for welcome, getting reunited, and to check out some of the fantastic things going on at Power Solutions. Sound interesting?

Johnson Controls Today

Alex Molinaroli, CEO, is scheduled to give us an update on Johnson Controls. How's that for opportunity? Alex has led the way in some major steps forward for the company. You'll get to hear about it directly from him.

The Warren S. Johnson Society

At this our 25th anniversary, let's review where the society has been and capture your ideas for the future.

Ambassadors of Lifelong Engagement

Let's share experiences. Retirement has no script. Something you've done may be just what another member is after. We can help each other by sharing experiences.

We need your help on this one. *Would you like to talk about your experiences? Contact Jude Anders (ira4128@gmail.com) or, 414.351.1229).*

Celebration/Dinner & Entertainment

The Italian Conference Center is our location of choice to gather with friends over good food and entertainment.

What's New @ WSJSociety.com

Submitted by: Jude Anders

A fulfilling retirement takes planning and effort. Our goals, activities of interest, and capabilities may change over time. We can help each other make good choices just by sharing experiences. That's the simple logic motivating several activities on the website.

Resources for Senior Living

This is a work in progress. The idea is to compile and share a list of resources that you, the members, value e.g. websites, books, groups. Categories include: Health & Wellness, Financial Management; Lifelong Learning, Volunteering, Travel, Sports, Entertainment, Work, Start a Business, Crafts & Hobbies.

Group: Reunion 2014

This Group is set up to allow us to talk about Reunion 2014. One topic for discussion is "**Ambassadors for Lifelong Engagement**," an activity set up to allow us to share our experiences in retirement and the preparation required. This is envisioned as a set of small group discussions led by a member volunteer. Members will be able to visit a number of the discussions during the activity, to contribute their experiences and learn from others. Also, there are two special demos planned for this activity, Dennis Miller and his robots and Scott Jamieson on Astronomy. They will be both educational and lots of fun!

To contribute your idea for a resource of value or topic for Lifelong Engagement, please contact me (414.351.1229 or ira4128@gmail.com). Look for updates on the website and Group: Reunion 2014.

People We Know

Ban Capron – For the Love of Texas!

Remember that photo of Ban in the last edition of the Newsletter? Did you wonder what he was doing on his computer while the dog was on his lap? Wonder no more!

Ban has been creating fantastic photo presentations on his favorite State of Texas. He has published several versions on YouTube. Checkout his story on the web at **WSJSociety.com**. Click the link, **Newsletter** and then **People We Know** – no login required. They're really good.

Scott Jamieson

Back in March, when the series “Cosmos: A Space Time Odyssey” was about to start on FOX, you may have caught Scott on TV. He was interviewed by TV6 as an expert on astronomy for his thoughts on the new series.

Now, you may have known Scott as an electronics design expert – gas ignition systems, thermostats and the like. Or, you may have known his love for flying. But did you know that he is the President of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society? And do they ever have a fantastic facility in New Berlin. Check out their website at: <http://milwaukeeastro.org/>.

Scott has been involved with the Society for 24 years – that's good preparation time for an activity in retirement. By the way, Scott will be with us at **Reunion 2014** to share his experiences with the stars as a special exhibit of “**Ambassadors for Lifelong Engagement.**” Don't miss that!

A Bit of History

Inaugural Chairman's Awards presented, September 10, 1985

The first annual Chairman's Awards for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction were given to outstanding Johnson Controls employees at the Strategic Management Meeting in Milwaukee on **September 10, 1985**. Chairman Fred Brengel personally presented nine Awards to individual employees and employee teams for their contributions to customer satisfaction. Each employee winner received a Tiffany crystal (see photo below) and a \$1,000 check. The Chairman's Award is the highest company-wide recognition given to employees. It was created as the President's Award (the name was changed when Brengel became chairman in April 1985) in the fall of 1984 to recognize outstanding employee contributions to productivity, quality, and service. The Chairman's Awards continue to be presented every year to deserving employees.



MY PERSONAL BUCKET LIST

Barbara Helgesen, Controls Div.

Since the one thing that I love to do now is to golf, my desire is to play golf courses that entice my interest. One such golf course has been on my mind for about four years. We were accepted to play in the Alice Dye Women's Golf Invitational, in French Lick, Indiana in Sept, 2013. Alice Dye is Pete Dye's wife and a nine-time Indiana Women's Amateur champion.

We arrived at the Pete Dye course on Monday, 9/23, met our Forecaddie and were whisked off to our shotgun hole #5. The most important thing was to make sure you teed the ball up and it go directly on the fairway of this Links course. Each and every hole would leave an impression on your thought process. If you needed help, the Forecaddie would be at your assistance. One such hole on the back nine took our breath away. We stood on the highest mound overlooking fescue and a fairway that went out forever, so it seemed, and a green awaiting us at the end. I was volunteered to go first and hit my ball clear off the tee and over the fescue to the right lower part of the fairway. Since it was okay the others after me proceeded and successfully got off their shots. I'm not a professional, but it felt good to still play golf at this special course.



On Tuesday, 9/24, we went to the Donald Ross course. The course was one with more trees and some differences like raised greens, fescue valleys to go over to get to the green and great golf.

Then on Wednesday there was the Practice Round for the Women Legends. We enjoyed some conversations with them during their practice day before they played with the amateur's on Thursday.

If you ever have a chance to take a trip to French Lick, do take a free shuttle van to see the courses from the West Baden Springs Hotel (the hotel celebrated it's 100 yrs; the Museum (which has history of French Lick, with miniature circus scenes behind glass, the history of their mineral spring water, etc.) and the Winery (which had a Vintage Café with Italian Cuisine & wine tasting). There is also a casino near the French Links Resort which had a special contest of slot machines that the golfers entered with prizes for the highest points accumulated during an allotted time besides just playing the slot machines and table card games. It is a great getaway vacation, don't miss it!



The Gallery



Vicki Doering, First Time Attendee



Everyone enjoying lunch and friends



Making a point – Update the Plan



Speaker Michael Olson



Reunion 2010 at ICC



Reunion 2012 at Bregel Center

Photos by Ron Kuta – thanks Ron!

See more at WSJSociety.com

Hope to see you at Reunion 2014!

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. This Newsletter is published quarterly to contribute to those goals. Member stories and ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

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In Remembrance

Bill Heise passed away on April 28th at the age of 92. He was a long time employee and worked in the material control department until his retirement.

Jim Temmel passed away on April 9th. He is survived by his wife Maureen. He retired after a 28 year career with JCI.

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While not listed as members of the WSJ Society, the following retirees of JCI have passed away:

Julia Moore – February 9th

Clary Ehlert - February 22nd

Joe Ball - March 3rd

Max Lemberger - March 29th

Greg Kaldunski – April 15th

RoJean McNulty – April 23rd

Susan Mathis - May 2nd

Marion Reynolds – May 28th

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** (2005, 2006, 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 Johnson Controls Retirement Society.

Send your membership fee to our treasurer, Brian Bould. The address is listed inside this newsletter.

