



Warren S. Johnson Society Newsletter
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Reunion 2014
Celebrate 25 Years of Service
Saturday, September 27, 2014

“Meet-up at HQ”
Corporate Headquarters
5757 N Green Bay Ave

- 8:30 am **Welcome/Gather/Tours**
10:00 am **“Johnson Controls Today”**
Alex Molinaroli, CEO
11:00 am **“WSJ Society – Possibilities”**
12:00 pm **“Lifelong Engagement”**
2:00 pm **Close**
- 8:30-9:30 Continental breakfast
11:30-1:00 Light lunch

“Dinner-Dancing-Friends”
Italian Conference Center
631 E Chicago St

Cost

Member - \$35
Non-member - \$40

Menu Selections

Sole Florentine
Chicken Prosciutto
Strawberry & Cream Torte for Dessert

- 5:00 pm **Gather & Enjoy (cash bar)**
6:00 pm **Dinner is Served**
7:30 pm **Dancing to the music of the**
“One More Time Band”
9:30 pm **Close with good wishes to all!**

Note: Registration is required for both morning and evening events.

Check **WSJSociety.com** for more details -
See you in September!

Summer Luncheon

July 17, 2014

We had a very busy schedule for the Summer Luncheon. There was the election of new board members, Gene Strehlow, Janice Peters, and Jim Pasterczyk, congratulations and thanks for your commitment to the society.

We also thanked our retiring board members, Neil DeVries, Larry Petricek, and Paul Froehling for their years of service. As is his normal, Paul is going the extra mile and will stay on until the board has elected a new president. Thank-you all!

Kim Beck, our speaker, took us through a case for lifelong learning. He backed up his logic with a series of quotes. The one that struck me noted that a “learned person” has knowledge of something of the past, while a “learning person” is continually creating their future. And another, that personal growth, development, and fulfillment are based on a learning process.

Kim also gave us a brief introduction to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the resources available through UWM and sites across the United States.

Five first-time members joined us for the Summer Luncheon: Judy Van Till, Mary Bagermehl, Jerry Martocci, Don Pfeiffer, and Jim Bohn. It was great to see them. Check out the Gallery for pictures.

It was a beautiful summer day in Milwaukee, lunch was good, everyone was involved in active conversations, and we learned something – great luncheon!

Submitted by: Jude Anders, Program VP

President's Message

Paul Froehling



Ramblin' & Movin' On

In writing this column for the last four years, it has been a challenge to write something that would be of interest to the membership. Writing is not my forte. Most of the time there have been life events that prompt a theme which can in some way conclude with encouragement for member participation in the society.

In looking back, I find I have written about farming, baseball, weather, genealogy, sheepshead, language, reunions, and a few other things. As I now write what I anticipate to be my final President's Message, I am unable to identify that theme on which the column will be based. So I will just ramble on a bit with some of my thoughts.

I joined the society shortly before my retirement and was invited to join the board in 2002, the year of my retirement. After 40 years of service with the company, becoming a member of the society provided a way to remain in contact with many of the people with whom I had spent a good portion of my life. The friendships made are greatly cherished. I felt honored to become a member of the board and to continue to work with a few people I knew well and a few others whom I did not know as well. It has been an additional honor to serve as your president for the past four years. My thanks to all who have served on the board during that time. Your contributions to the functioning of the society are greatly appreciated. Now I feel it is time for me to move on. There are other areas in which I wish to focus my time, primarily associated with family and church.

The society is 25 years old this year. Until this past year, its role has been to publish a quarterly newsletter for its members, provide a quarterly luncheon in the Milwaukee area, and provide a biennial reunion in Milwaukee. It has been funded by member dues along with subsidy from the company for newsletter publishing and mailing and a portion of the reunion expenses. Recognizing the need for better communication among retirees and the prevalence of social media in most of our lives, the company provided resources to help the society establish WSJSociety.com. The site not only provides a means of connecting with other members, there is a wealth of information about JCI (its history as well as current events), photos, retirement resources, member benefits, the calendar of society events, and much more. The site is just over a year old and much has been added. As more members participate, we can expect to see even greater things.

I'm "movin' on", but I'm not "movin' out". Through WSJSociety.com and the regular society events, I'll still be with you. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve. Let's keep in touch!

Paul Froehling, Acting President

The Gallery

First Time Luncheon Attendees



Jerry Martocci, Judy VanTill, Don Pfeiffer, Mary Bagermehl, Jim Bohn

New Board Members



Gene Strehlow, Janice Peters, Jim Pasterczyk

Luncheon Speaker



Kim Beck



Dennis Miller and robots

Reunion 2014

Stop and see 'Ambassadors of Lifelong Engagement'
Dennis Miller and Scott Jamieson at the Reunion 2014
..... their stories are great!!



Scott Jamieson and telescope

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.WSJSociety.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 Fernholz passed away on June 19, 2014. Survived by his wife Barbara and their son William and family. He worked in the Human Resources Department, managing the benefits program.

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

Iris Brellenthin, passed away June 20, 2014. She was the nurse at Michigan St.

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What's New @ WSJSociety.com

Submitted by: Jude Anders

Resources for Senior Living

The Resources pages are currently under construction. To check out progress, go to the **LEARN** drop down box on the blue bar and select **Resources**.

This is a start. As the Reunion Team was putting plans together for the “Ambassadors for Lifelong Engagement” event, it struck me that this is a great opportunity to get input on resources you have found of value.

So, on those tables set up for the discussions, look for a spiral notebook and pen to record your favorite resource for the area of discussion. If you have a story to tell about the resource, so much the better. Just leave your contact information and I'll follow up with you to capture your experience.

How does that sound?

At any time that suits you, to contribute your idea for a resource of value or topic for Lifelong Engagement, please contact me (414.351.1229 or jra4128@gmail.com).

**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.

Reunion 2014: Update

Submitted by: Reunion Team

By now you should have received your invitation to Reunion 2014 in a separate mailing. If not, use the Registration Form published here.

You may have noticed some changes from our past practice. In particular, there is no charge for the morning event “**Meet-up at HQ**” and, we have invited both members and candidates for membership to join the celebration.

This year, the company (Kim Metcalf-Kupres) is covering the cost of the morning activities. Make sure to thank Kim and Alex when you see them. Their commitment of time, staff, and resources has been great. We are indeed fortunate.

Inviting candidates for membership seems to make good sense any year. But, this year we are exploring directions for the future of the society. We need their vision and input for that to be successful.

Good news – the Power Solutions technology demo is out and about in front of potential customers. Bad news – it will not be available to us at the reunion. Our best wishes to the Power Solutions tech team, bring in the new business!

“Ambassadors of Lifelong Engagement”

We've identified topics 10 topics for small group discussion. There will be tables to discuss: Health & Wellness, Financial Planning, Volunteering, Lifelong Learning, Work/Start-a-Business, Crafts & Projects, Travel, and Sports & Fitness.

That's 8. The other two will be bringing some hardware for you to enjoy as part of the discussion. Dennis Miller will have a collection of robots that he uses in his work with the Marquette U. School of Engineering Outreach Program. And, Scott Jamieson will demo a working telescope as he talks about his activities with the Milwaukee Astronomical Society. You'll find these to be particularly interesting and fun!

We've had good response for volunteers to lead discussions:

Ron Kuta – American Legion volunteer
Neil DeVries – Health & Wellness web tools
Paul Froehling – Genealogy project
Ron Schmidt – MOOC – online classes
Jim Bohn – ProAxios his new business
Lou Davit – Green Home project
Ron Kuchenreuther – Softball+

But, we would like more! *Several leaders for each topic will allow these volunteers to break away to visit another discussion of interest. There is a need for discussion leaders for the Travel and Financial Planning groups. Would you like to share your experiences? Contact Jude Anders (jra4128@gmail.com or, 414.351.1229).*

There are some differences in Reunion 2014, but a “good time shared by all” remains the standard.

Visit WSJSociety.com for updates and stories on the reunion.

Hope to see you all in Milwaukee in September!



WSJ Society Reunion 2014

Registration Form

Please provide your contact information and the name of each participant as you would like them to appear on the name badge. Also, check the entree choices or, note any dietary restrictions in the space provided:

Name(s)	Sole Florentine	Chicken Prosciutto
Retiree: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spouse/Guest: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address: _____		
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____		
Dietary Restrictions: _____		

With the generous support from Johnson Controls, there will be no charge for the morning event, "Meet-up at HQ." **However, registration is required for both events.** Please indicate the number of reservations you would like to make for each event.

Both members and non-members (candidates for membership) are being invited to participate in the reunion activities this year. Please note the price difference and submit your reservation according to your membership status. Members and their spouse are charged at \$35/person; non-members and their spouse at \$40/person.

	Number
attending	
"Meet-up at HQ" _____	no charge
"Dinner-Dancing-Enjoying Friends"	
Member & spouse/guest @ \$35 each _____	\$ _____
Non-member & spouse/guest @ 40 each _____	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

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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 Brian Bould. 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.

