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Fall Luncheon

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Alioto's

3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$16.00

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- *Sliced Pork Roast with homemade bread dressing and gravy [includes salad and potato]*
- *Chicken Normandy - boneless chicken breast with homemade bread dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce [includes salad and potato]*
- *Chef's salad and French onion soup [includes bread]*
- *Ice cream sundae for dessert*

Program

WSJ Society Member Dennis Miller will present "When an Engineer and Nature Photography Converge".

Photography today is a mix of historic 'traditions' and the application of modern technology. After retiring Dennis started walking in the Milwaukee County Wehr Nature Center with a basic camera to photograph wildlife and nature's beauty. As this casual relationship between photography and walking for exercise developed, the limitations of a 'simple' camera became apparent. In addition, questions arose about the capabilities modern photographic equipment and methods have that would enable us to 'see' the world as many creatures see it. Specifically, how can humans see, at least in a general sense, what birds, insects, snakes and other animals 'see'? The different types of cameras and equipment used will be reviewed along with some of the photographic images that have resulted from this journey.

Please:

Make checks payable to: **WSJ Society**
[please note price is now \$16]

- Mail to: **WSJ Society**
P.O. Box 1425
Grafton, WI 53024
in time to arrive by October 5th.

Also, let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation, or call Janice Peters, Co-VP Program at 414.412.0200

July 2015 Luncheon

This has been a great summer in the Milwaukee area. Cool nights, warm and sunny days and few damaging storms, lots of festivals; it's been fantastic.

The Summer Luncheon fit the same mold – a great time. Our speaker, James Kieselburg, Director of the Grohmann Museum at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, introduced us to the very unique art collection at the Grohmann – "Man at Work." From early agriculture, to the first steel mills, and on to modern factories, the art shows men and women through the ages at work. Oh, and through September 13th, the museum is featuring "Carl Spitzweg in Milwaukee" – he's known as the German Norman Rockwell. This collection has both artists' version of "The Bookworm" – really neat to see!



James Kieselburg

The story behind the museum is as fantastic as the art. This was all donated – building, art, operations, everything – by Dr Eckhart Grohmann. Dr Grohmann, believes that all engineers should be exposed to art. Classes are scheduled in rooms at the museum just to make sure that happens. This is one of the 'must see' locations in Milwaukee and with regular special exhibits you'll want to come back often.

We were fortunate to have several first-time participants at the luncheon, Catherine Sakac and Jerry Doran – the first of many times to come, I hope.

Part of the agenda included a vote by members present on membership eligibility and a change in the name of the society. This was led by President Gene Strehlow. See Gene's story for the detail.

Submitted by: Jude Anders VP Communications



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bylaws change opens Membership for those still working.

For 26 years our membership has been open to either Johnson Controls retirees **OR** those still working for JCI and having at least 20 years of employment with JCI. Due to today's ever changing work environment, your Board of Directors has found more examples of individuals either still working for JCI, but short of 20 years employment, or still working but outside of JCI. Some of these individuals have expressed interest in our group.

So your Board has suggested a wording change to "Article II - Members" section of our bylaws which changes membership requirements to: anyone who has either retired from Johnson Controls Inc. **OR** has completed at least 10 years and is in good standing with the company. (ie; is eligible for possible rehire by the Company). This bylaws change was presented to the general WSJ Society membership meeting at the July 16 luncheon. It was moved, seconded, discussed and passed with a unanimous voice vote at that meeting.

In non-Bylaws language this means we are now open for membership to those with only one half as long of employment (10 years), and those not yet fully retired, regardless of where they are still working.

SO YOUR JOB IS TO SPREAD THE WORD!

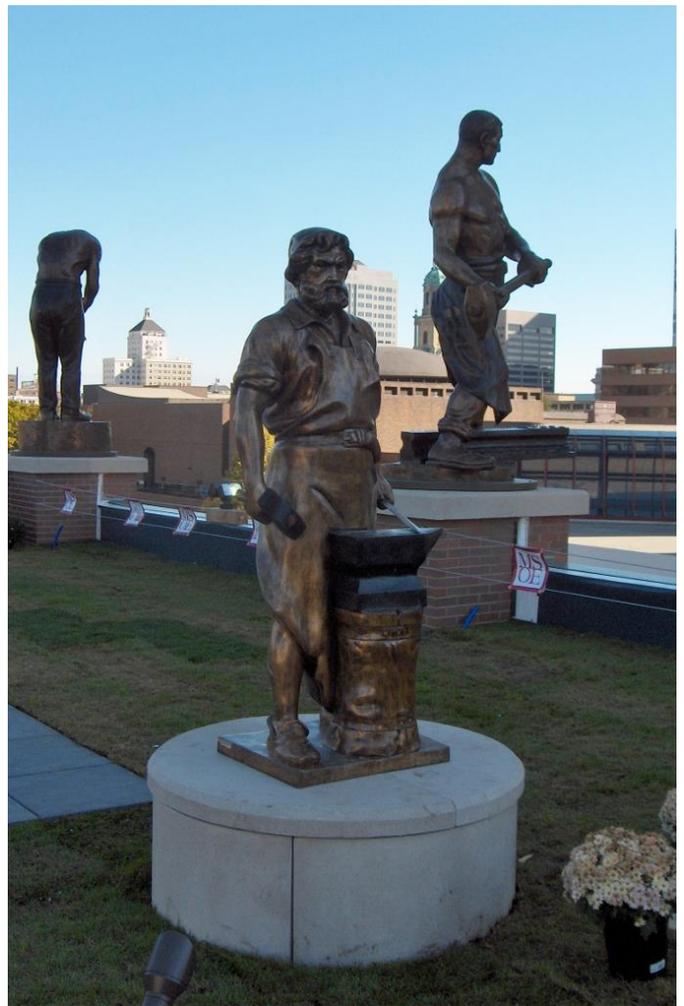
Since this newsletter is only mailed to our membership and the web site is probably unknown to those who would most benefit from this change, get the word out to any and all! Whether or not it applies to the person you are telling, they may have contact with another that would like to keep in touch with fellow Johnsonites from their years of employment. Then either come to a quarterly Milwaukee luncheon and see what new faces there may be, or contact a few closer to your "neck of the woods" and have your own luncheon or whatever. Every time I'm with a few Johnsonites, I hear stories of other connections going on between those with common interests or locations. This society of individuals has a life of its own, regardless of some stodgy bylaws held here in this Brew City. If there is more we can do to enhance that broad network of connections let us know. It's best to use the Suggestion Box under the Members Only tab on the website. Or call me, as many of you have done for 40+ years.

Gene Strehlow
262-251-0166

The Gallery



The Grohmann Museum, 1000 N Broadway



PEOPLE WE KNOW

First Time Luncheon attendees:



Catherine Sakac and Jerry Doran

F. Dean Dennis - Cedar Rapids

I am very proud to have worked for JCI. I started in 1962 as an apprentice pipefitter, building control panels (wood, Formica, brackets, and piping controls with hard copper tubing). When I finished my five-year apprenticeship, JCI sent us to Dubuque, IA as an area foreman. Two years later we were moved back to Cedar Rapids as construction superintendent. Dutch Coon was branch manager and Jim Wilson was a sales rep. I became a service sales rep under Tom Gannon. Tom moved to Milwaukee and I worked for Ben Ternes and later became sales manager. All the above took 37 years. JCI was a wonderful place to work. Hopefully I will get to a JCI luncheon. Thanks to all...

Making a Difference

It's funny how some things get connected. Last Newsletter I raised the opportunity of a community contribution focus for the WSJ Society.

Then, to stay current for mentoring at UWM, I read a report from the National Academy of Engineering, "Educate to Innovate." In it, successful entrepreneurs interviewed often mentioned their starting point as solving a problem for someone, creating value for someone, or making a contribution to someone's quality of life. That's not far from our familiar theme 'exceeding customer's increasing expectations' is it?

While reading the report, my grandson, a professional dancer with the Texas Ballet, asked for my thoughts on how he might start to prepare for his next career step. He's at the top of his profession now, but like all athletes, peak performance has age limits. I included "Educate to Innovate" in my response. Career planning from a thought like "Who's life can I make better today?" sounds like a good approach to career path, regardless of age.

Oh, last Thursday, the Journal/Sentinel had a story about Genesis in Milwaukee, Arn Quakkelaar's social service organization that helps former prisoners create a new life. How's that after 40 years in engineering at Johnson Controls and Rockwell?

About that time I received an email from Dominic Silva-Martin, Chief Communications Officer at LearnHowToBecome.org. He found the resource page on WSJSociety.com and asked if we would include a link to their new "open-access, expert-driven guide to non-profit career opportunities." After checking it out, I did, you can find it as the Featured Resource. And, I sent their home page link to my grandson.

It's nice to see "making a difference" popping up so often.

Jude Anders, Editor WSJSociety.com

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

Peter B. Wrenn passed away August 28th at the age of 80. Survived by his loving wife, Jean, their children and families. He worked as a sales engineer, branch manager, regional vice president, and Controls Group vice president until his retirement in 1992.



Stained glass from Grohmann Museum

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 Treasurer 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).

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE RETIRED TO JOIN THIS GROUP!

Membership is now open to individuals with only 10 years of JCI employment -- even if you are still working somewhere else.

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

