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Winter 2016 Luncheon

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Alioto's

3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$16.00

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- Breaded Pork Tenderloin; gravy and mixed vegetables
- Lemon Caper Chicken
- Baked Cod; tartar sauce and lemon wedge
- *Ice cream sundae for dessert*

Program

Our guest speaker will be David Cesarini, Producing Artistic Director of Milwaukee's Next Act Theatre. He will describe the inner workings of the professional theatre: "the art of making a business of making art."

The 2015-2016 season marks David's 37th year as a theatre professional, having debuted with the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis as a journeyman actor in 1978. During his twenty-eight year Milwaukee residency, he has acted with most of its professional companies and also has extensive credits as a nine year veteran of American Players Theatre in Spring Green, WI. He has proudly served as Producing Artistic Director at Next Act for 24 years. While either acting or directing for Next Act, he usually doubles as Sound Designer; he has created sound effects and scores for over 100 professional productions. David is also an experienced stage fight fencer and choreographer.



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Grafton, WI 53024

in time to arrive by January 11.

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

October 15, 2015 Luncheon

There is no more question about it.

If you were at the Autumn Luncheon you know not only what bees see, and how they do it; you also know what mechanism can be used to create the same view for us.

Dennis Miller was always creative as leader of (BE) Research in his career. In retirement he's really let his imagination loose. He's shared his research and insights with us on robotics and now the science of vision with a kicker of nature photography to boot.

His presentation after lunch was a big hit, in depth, with two table displays of his photography for all to see. Check out the photos below for a view of his work.



Thanks Dennis for another very interesting presentation.

But wait!

Even before Dennis' presentation, we all got to meet six first-time attendees at our luncheon. That's six new participants at one meeting. They included Bill Hable, Ken Davis, Judy Pederson, Craig Roush, Jim Zander, and Jim Botic.

There was something about the group of participants at this meeting. Some haven't been around for awhile, and there was a good mix of career experiences, Building Efficiency, Power Solutions, Milwaukee Branch Office, and Judy worked at the Madison Controls/ AT&T Project. It was good to re-connect with everyone. It made a beautiful Fall in Milwaukee all the better.

Now, I'll bet that if you would come to the Winter Luncheon in January we could even heat up a cold winter day in Milwaukee!

Submitted by: Jude Anders VP Communications



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Retiree Discounts

While I type this on my HP laptop, using my discounted official version of Windows Office, sitting in my Luxaire (JCI York division) heated and cooled home, I wonder how many of you are aware of, and use, the Retiree discounts available to us via the Benefits-Opportunities Page of our website. Find it under the **Members Only** tab, **Benefits-Opportunities** choice, and click on the “**Discounts Available to Retirees of Johnson Controls**” hi-lited text.

I don't consider myself a professional shopper, but I might have caught a bit of this from my coupon clipping wife who is always looking for a better way to buy items that we are going to need anyway. We do a pretty good job of bypassing things that aren't on our commonly used list.

If you haven't done so already, check out the discounts that the Company has opened up to us as retirees. While it is not the whole list that is available to current employees, and it does change periodically, you may find some items that will save you some money, or in the case of vehicles, eliminate some of the price haggling that not everyone enjoys. I suspect that a few of you might be able to negotiate a slightly lower car price, but I've found the JCI discount to be quite good and less dramatic. In the interest of “full disclosure”, some of the products I mention here are a carryover from before I joined the Retiree ranks and are not on our current retiree list. I probably forgot some product in this tale that will come to me by the time the newsletter is printed. Yes I bleed blue. (or is it blue and green now?) Now I'm off to push the cart behind my “double coupon day” shopper. I'll use either of my JCI discounted Ford or Nissan vehicles, started by my Optima battery to get there.

Gene Strehlow

The Gallery

First Time Luncheon attendees:



Bill Hable, Ken Davis, Judy Pederson



Craig Rousch, Jim Zander, Jim Botic

Dennis Miller Photography Displays



WSJSociety.com/Project Team – Interested?

We're forming a project team to take WSJSociety.com to the next level of service.

At this point, WSJSociety.com has been online for two years. Currently, 204 (38%) of the members have registered on the website. While news and resources are readily available without login, each month there are about 20 unique individual logins. Those members have been able to re-connect with friends to continue sharing experiences in career and retirement.

Some initial guessing and member interests have directed the development of WSJSociety.com so far. The online poll indicates that connection (48%), news (24%), and information on benefits and retirement planning (20%) are the primary member interests. Those results were supported by the responses to the Vision/Forward initiative.

So, how can we do better?

It's time to go back to the lab. We've got a long history of doing just that at Johnson Controls!

The challenge is to improve WSJSociety.com for our members making connections, accessing news, and resources of value to them.

There will be a spectrum of tasks to get us there, some technical, others related to member needs. The ability to code is **not** required. There is no timeline here.

We want this to be fun, interesting, and manageable for the team members. And, you don't have to live in Milwaukee. We'll try to do this all by collaboration over the web.

Are you interested? If you would like to join the team, **contact Jude Anders**

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Let's have some fun in the lab!



Lab setup for work on wireless technology; circa 1910

RON CAFFREY

Boy, am I getting old...I attended the bell ceremony marking our listing on the NYSE as branch manager in New York City with Dick Murphy, then President, 50 years ago and I'd already been with JCI for 16 years :)

From the Wall Street Journal – October 9, 2015

Johnson Controls executives to ring closing bell on NYSE

Company celebrates 50 years of stock trading

Johnson Controls Inc. chairman and CEO Alex Molinaroli, along with other company executives, will celebrate 50 years of being listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Friday by ringing the closing bell at 3 p.m. CDT.

Then known as Johnson Service Company (JSC), 1.6 million shares of common stock were first issued on Oct.11, 1965. That year, the company attained \$92 million in revenue. In fiscal 2014, Glendale-based Johnson Controls had a record \$42 billion in revenue. The company has paid consecutive dividends since 1887.

"Being listed on the NYSE for 50 years is a testament to our dedicated employees past and present around the world and shareholders who understand our history of focusing on operational excellence, innovation, and exceeding our customers' expectations," Molinaroli said.

RICHARD SCHREINER

For nearly ten years I have served as a City of Milwaukee Election Inspector (aka: poll worker).

The City of Milwaukee Election Commission needs you and your great spirit of civic responsibility! We are looking for dependable retirees residing in Milwaukee County to assist as election workers at voting sites throughout the city in 2016. Election work is non-partisan and provides an opportunity to meet new people and to showcase leadership in the community.

Retirees can apply to work as Chief Inspectors (supervisors of the voting site; must reside in the city) or Election Inspectors (must reside in Milwaukee County). Among Election Inspectors' duties are: greeting voters, verifying voters' registration, issuing ballots, registering new/moved voters, site set-up/closing, etc. These are paid positions: \$160/day for Chief Inspectors and \$130/day for Election Inspectors.

You must attend training which is also paid. Fluent bilingual (English/Spanish or English/Hmong) retirees are encouraged to apply. The election dates in 2016 are February 16th, April 5th, August 9th, and November 8th. For applications and more information, visit www.milwaukee.gov/election or contact Dan Puhek, Election Worker Coordinator, at dpuhek@milwaukee.gov or 414-286-3491. **NOTE: If you are receiving a disability retirement, contact the ERS before contacting the Election Commission.**

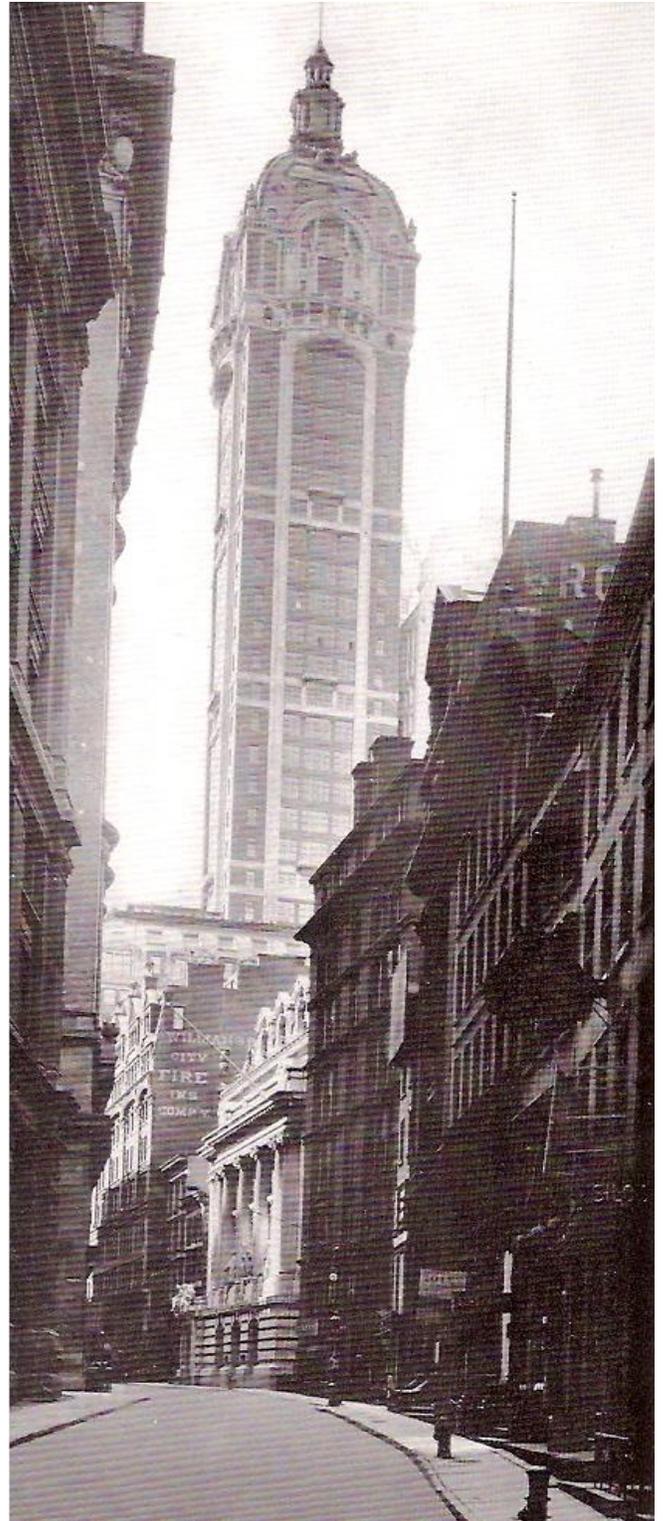
FROM THE ARCHIVES

Johnson Service Company installs system in world's tallest building, May 1, 1908

On **May 1, 1908**, the Singer Sewing Machine Company opened its new building on Broadway in New York City. In the prior year, the New York branch of the Johnson Service Company (Johnson Controls' former name) installed 128 thermostats and 160 valves at a cost of \$5,390 in the soon-to-be-completed skyscraper.

From 1908 to 1909, the Singer Building was the tallest building in the world at 612 feet, which easily surpassed the previous holder of that distinction, the 511-foot-tall Philadelphia City Hall (which also included a Johnson Service Company temperature regulation system, not to mention a Johnson-made tower clock larger than London's "Big Ben"). The Beaux-Arts style, red brick building was designed by architect Ernest Flagg and was originally supposed to be only 35 stories, but the Singer Company soon decided to nearly double the height of the building. The Singer Building lost its title as the world's tallest building when the Metropolitan Life Insurance Tower (also located in New York City) surpassed it at 700 feet upon its completion in 1909. Unfortunately, in 1968 the Singer Building also became the tallest building ever to be demolished, as it made way for the U. S. Steel Building (now known as 1 Liberty Plaza).

Today, Johnson Controls is still installing systems in the world's tallest buildings. The company supplied 24 chiller units to the cooling plant for the "Downtown Burj Dubai" development in the United Arab Emirates, which includes the current holder of the world's tallest building title - the 2,722-foot-high Burj Khalifa (or Burj Dubai Tower).



The Singer Building towers over its neighbors in this 1908 photograph taken from a nearby New York Street corner

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

Dave Sanner passed away on January 9, 2015. He was the Branch Manager in Erie, PA and worked for JCI for 37 years. He is survived by his wife Gail and his son Jeffrey and his family.

Gene Sobczak passed away October 19, 2015. He was a quality control engineer and retired after 43 years of service. He is survived by four sons and their families.

Save the date

September 24, 2016

It's that time again!

Reunion 2016 is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, September 24, 2016.**

Your Board will be busy planning for it this winter. Mark your calendar and contact friends you haven't seen for awhile for a get together in Milwaukee in September - a beautiful month to be in Milwaukee.

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 10 YEARS

If you are retired from Johnson Controls or still working there with 10 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.

