



Warren S. Johnson Society Newsletter

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## Spring 2017 Luncheon

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$16.00

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

### Menu Selections

- **Roast Sirloin of Beef, Brown Gravy**
- **Chicken Parmesan, Side of Mostaccogli**  
(Entrees served with salad and choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)
- **Chef's Salad**  
(Salad served with soup or fruit cup, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)
- **Dessert – Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae**

### Program

**An Overview of the East Troy Railroad Museum**

**Guest Speaker: Ryan Jonas, Museum President**

<http://www.easttroyrr.org/>

One hundred years ago, a Johnson Service employee could walk a few blocks down Michigan Street to the Public Service Building to board an electric interurban car that would arrive in East Troy in just 70 minutes. Or they could ride to Burlington, Muskego, Hales Corners, Waukesha, Pewaukee, Watertown, Sheboygan, Port Washington, Racine or Kenosha. The East Troy Railroad Museum's rail line between East Troy and Mukwonago is the last remnant of this once vast interurban rail system that had over 300 miles of track in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The East Troy Railroad is a living history museum that lets people see and experience what it was like to ride an electric trolley or interurban car 90 to 100 years ago. With more than 30 historic railroad cars, including 17 that currently operate; we feature Chicago, South Shore & South Bend interurban cars and the only working Milwaukee Streetcar in existence. The museum is run entirely by volunteers, including Ryan Jonas. Ryan will provide an interesting and educational presentation about the history and operation of this unique museum, which drew over 24,000 people to East Troy in 2016.

**Please: Make checks payable to: WSJ Society - Cost \$16.00**

**Mail to: WSJ Society in time to arrive by April 10th.**

**P.O. Box 1425**

**Grafton, WI 53024**

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

## Winter Luncheon – January 19, 2017

Manfred Olson Planetarium ...

### A Gem at UWM!

How about "Life of a Star", "Evening in the Land of the Rising Sun", "Solar Eclipse 2017", or, "Moons and Their Myths" and top it all off with "Colors of the Cosmos"?

Those are the featured programs for the "2017 Friday Night Shows" at the Manfred Olson Planetarium at UWM. Never heard of it? Well we did at the Winter Luncheon and it was great!

Dr. Jean Creighton, Director of the Planetarium took us through the history of the planetarium, and the program she and her team have created to share the wonders of astronomy with all who visit. More than that, Dr. Creighton began the presentation with her personal experience in science from Greece to CalTech to UWM in Milwaukee ... doing world-class work all along the way. If you know someone who might be interested in science, get them to the Planetarium for a dose of "pure love of science" from Dr



Creighton. In line with sharing ideas, Dr Creighton invited two of her team, Derek Palecek and Sam Gallagher to share their experiences at the Planetarium.

Net result ... a great time for all members ... a real learning experience ... and something to share with those who we might be mentoring along their way.

By the way, the entire program of the Planetarium is available at the website: [www.planetarium.uwm.edu](http://www.planetarium.uwm.edu). This is one of those enjoy while you learn resources, a real gem. I've added it to WSJSociety.com at [Resources for Life-long Learning](#). Check it out!



**Gene Strehlow**

# President's Message

## JCI Future Dividend Withholding

I foolishly said my last president's message might be the final one addressing JCI's transition issues. There may be more issues to discuss than I thought, so as I ended the last message, I'll start this one - "Never say Never". If you have no JCI stock you can grin and skip the rest of this. If you are reading this message on WSJSociety.com several links are active and sign-on is not required.

**Will 20% of future JCI dividends be withheld by Ireland?** Adient as well? This question is bouncing around the retirees. There is a section in that 500+ page [joint proxy statement/prospectus \(dated July 6, 2016\)](#) book that you got last summer, which discusses the 20% [Irish Withholding Tax on Dividends DWT](#) (see pages 234-235 in print, 226-228 in electronic version). While it clearly states that a US resident is exempt from this Irish withholding tax, there seems to be differing procedures on just how you tell whoever makes that withholding decision that you are a United States resident shareholder. I have some information on two of the many financial houses that could be holding any shares you may have.

**Wells Fargo held shares:** The phone # on [JCI's site for shareholder services](#) sends you to Wells Fargo. I called them and they stated that **you must register** with an entity called [Globetax.com](#) and they will (for a service fee) handle the paperwork and send you a document for signature, that will prevent the 20% withholding for 5 years, after which time you need to renew the documents. Our fellow retiree Arlene Gumm has put together a step-by-step procedure which is available [HERE](#) if you are reading this online. You can start with the Wells Fargo # (from [JCI's shareholder page](#)) 877-602-7397 or [Globetax.com](#) with # 855-849-3119. Both Arlene and I spoke to a JCI knowledgeable person at GlobeTax named Mizan about this procedure.

**Fidelity held shares:** I spoke to my Fidelity representative and he took me two layers deeper into Fidelity's back offices to get confirmation that they are taking care of the necessary procedures for me, so I do not need to do more. That sounds great to me! But I will be checking my next several dividend payments to make sure no funds have gone elsewhere. There may be a one year grace period on this Withholding Tax on Dividends (thru 8-17-2017) so a simple look back at your 1-6-2017 dividend payment received may not be a sufficient check for your future withholding exemption.

**CHECK with whoever holds your JCI stock.** You probably don't want 20% of you future dividends deposited in an Irish account instead of yours. If you find different procedures than I have described, let us know and we may be able to alert other retirees. But don't wait to hear from us, or trust this message only – we're not tax advisors either.

Until the next topic – whatever it may be. Gene Strehlow 262-251-0166

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

### **Lou Davit – Milwaukee**

Lou, How are Your Solar Panels Doing?

This is an update to the “Solar In Shorewood” article that went on the Retiree Website in August 2014 and the Newsletter article in Winter 2014. How is it doing is a question I’m asked many times. I have to say that we are completely happy, my wife Jackie and me. Although the greatest satisfaction is that we are making clean energy – no fossil fuels burned, no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, the solar panels have also cut our electricity bill quite a bit. The 14 panels we put on our garage roof in May 2014, a 3.08KW system, generated 73% of our need in the first two full years of operation 6.61MWh made ÷ 9.11MWh used.



We like our system because it is a decentralized or distributed system, meaning the electricity is used in the vicinity that it is made, therefore there is less electricity lost in the transmission to our homes and businesses. We also like the fact that most of the electricity is generated in the middle of the day when demand is highest for air conditioning in our homes and offices and it evens out the demand on our electric utilities. We also enjoy the exhilaration of getting out there in the winter with our snow rake to pull down that wet snow that sticks to the panels. We like the dry snow that

blows away even more. Please give me a call when you want to talk solar. Lou Davit (414) 964-2265

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**B O W L**  
FOR KIDS' SAKE

### **It's That Time Again!**

Time to do some good ... and have some fun!

Megan Strock passed along an invitation to our members to participate in this year's Bowl for Kid's Sake bowling tournament to support

**[Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee.](#)**

When: Saturday, March 11

Time: 11 am – 1 pm

Where: AMF West Lanes

Cost: \$15 per person, but, the first 20 bowlers who raise \$100 or more bowl for free!

You can register online at:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BowlforKidsSake2017>**

Have a great time!

# 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

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

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## 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

**J. William (Bill) Braak** passed away on December 10, 2016. He served the company in many roles during his 40 year career. He is survived by his wife Darlene and his children Doug, Janine and Greg.

**Bob Fagg** passed away on December 19, 2016. He was a supervisor in the QA Lab on Michigan St. He is survived by son Edward, daughter Jan and their families.

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## WSJSociety.com

Have you checked out the [Resources](#) page on [WSJSociety.com](http://WSJSociety.com)?

You might find something of interest there to help you along. The idea behind the page is for members to share online resources they've found of value ... maybe someone else has been looking for just that kind of help.

Oh, and that someone else may be anyone who finds us. The Resource page is located in the public section of the website ... no login required. Think of it as an opportunity to share what you've found of value with anyone in need.

And people do find us. From time to time I get suggestions for the site from others who have compiled a list of their own ... not members, just people who find sharing resources with others a good thing to do.

The page has resource lists on topics like Health & Well-being, Fitness, Financial Planning, Volunteering, Career Planning, Lifelong Learning Crafts & Hobbies, Travel, and Entertainment. Along with that is a link to Company Resources.

Please let me know what you think of the page. Do you have any suggestions? Also, if you would like to help with this – please let me know. It's a small thing, but it may make a big difference for someone.

Thanks,

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

