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Summer 2017 Luncheon
 Thursday, July 20, 2017
Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road
Cost \$16.00
 11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- **Baked Lasagna**
- **Chicken Normandy** [boneless chicken breast, homemade bread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce]
(entrees served with salad, choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)
- **Grilled Chicken Breast Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette**
(salads served with soup or fruit cup, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)
- **Dessert – Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae**

Program

The Sailing Vessel *Denis Sullivan* – Discovery World
<https://www.discoveryworld.org/exhibits/sailing-vessel-denis-sullivan/>



Our Guest Speakers will be Jennifer Clearwater, CFRE, Director of Philanthropy and Kelly Christman, Volunteer and Training Manager

Discovery World's Tall Ship, the sailing vessel (S/V) *Denis Sullivan* is the world's only re-creation of a 19th century three-masted great lakes schooner. The S/V *Denis Sullivan* was completed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2000 by professional shipwrights and nearly 1,000 volunteers. It provides an array of genuine maritime experiences, from two-hour Lake Watches for families to multi-day educational sails for teens and adults. Our guest speakers will tell us about the history and restoration of this beautiful vessel, and provide details on the various summer sail types and schedules, and the maritime educational programs offered to the general public, families and students of all ages.

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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 Janice Peters, Co-VP Program at 414.412.0200

**Working on the railroad ...
 a great time!**

How about working on a vintage railroad ... after retiring ... as a volunteer? Better yet ... What if your son came home with a proposition ... let's buy a railroad, operate it as a non-profit with all volunteer staff ... and have lots of fun?

That's what Ryan Jonas, our speaker, and President of the East Troy Railroad Museum proposed to his mom and dad, John and Lisa Jonas. John is a JCI employee and Lisa is a volunteer on the railroad. And per Ryan's presentation at our Spring Luncheon they have indeed had lots of fun ... with lots of very hard work ... for the enjoyment of all who visit them in East Troy.

They enjoy it so much that Steve Thomas and Jerry Doran have joined them. They are officially working on the railroad in their retirement, as volunteers, and enjoying it all, so much so, they even came to the luncheon in their uniforms – really looked sharp!

What a great bunch of people! And, what a great story. I'm thinking that Ryan could succeed at just about anything he set his mind to take on. Mom and Dad have good reason to be proud. To get in on the fun – Ryan mentioned several times that there are openings for volunteers – or just to enjoy a ride on the railroad, checkout their website: <http://www.eastroyrr.org/> – How about a Pizza Train? – and lots more!

Will we see you at the Summer Luncheon?
 Jude Anders, VP Communications



John, Ryan and Lisa Jonas



Steve Thomas

Jerry Doran



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well – That expensive tax date which many of us have been dreading is now behind us – unless you filed for an extension. In that case you may still be wrestling with the myriad of details involved. I have gotten calls on the topic from all over the country, mostly from retirees or their relatives, hoping to find that silver bullet of a solution to their version of this complex situation. Sorry to say I'm all out of silver bullets. To reduce the chance for errors I went outside for professional tax help this year. That is not normal.

The magnitude of this tax event was undoubtedly different for everyone. In several cases the tax bill from Uncle Sam and The Governor combined, were more than they ever earned in a whole year from Johnson Controls. While we never discussed specific dollars, some folks have had bills that well exceeded a year's pay. I'd be curious what the total impact was on our group of retirees, but we will never know. Those who sold their stock earlier, or have it in a 401k or IRA - keep grinning and appreciate what you missed out on.

One of our fellow retirees was disappointed to find out that the Johnson Controls Foundation has changed some of its rules and wanted to let others know. The limits regarding how much it will match have been reduced. While this may not be an issue for many, it would be prudent to check out the changes at <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/corporate-sustainability/social> to see if any of those changes will affect you.

Another topic that some of our members have asked about is the law suit filed against Johnson Controls by some shareholders, relative to the recent merger. We (as your Board) have discussed this and decided to remain neutral on the issue. Neither For -nor- Against. But as with other topics, in the interest of sharing what information we know, so you can form your own opinion and course of action, the legal entity working on this from Minneapolis, does have a web page for further information. It is: <https://jciinversionlitigation.com/>

Until next quarter;
Gene

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I think that it's time for some fun.

You may have found the "[Who do you know?](#)" collection in the Photo Gallery. It contains a selection of photos submitted by members recalling their career experiences at Johnson Controls. Selected photos from the collection are featured on the [Front Page](#) also. The current featured photo is of a certain former Sunday School teacher, loved and respected by all, who had 'open door' access to anyone in the building at 507 -- especially anyone on executive row. Check it out.

That photo is taken from the July, 1971 issue of Monitoring the Field. There was some concern when we started the "Who do you know?" collection that it may grow very slowly. Well, Gene, our president, stepped up to help as he often does. Gene has the Monitoring the Field issues back to July 1971 and he started to scan them to share with all of us. Now, along with the pictures that you send to us, we have those we can cut from Monitoring the Field.

Oh, and since we have the entire issue, we'll publish them as part of our version of the Johnson Controls Timeline, placing them on the date of their original publication. You can find them by doing a search on [WSJSociety.com](#) for example, try: Monitoring the Field. New issues will be added regularly, so check back often.

Now, the idea here is to enjoy recalling those experiences from the past, not to dwell on them. Maybe you'll recall something you learned along the way that will help you take on today's challenges. That's one thing I take away in thinking about that former Sunday School teacher ... there's a lot of satisfaction in helping others along their way.

We would dearly like to expand the collection to include member experiences at Corporate and all of the business units past and present that have contributed the wealth of our shared career experiences at JCI. Please don't hesitate to contact me with yours.

I hope you enjoy the photos and issues --

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Penn Electric Switch Co. receives Army-Navy “E” Award, February 26, 1943

The *Goshen News-Democrat* reported on **February 26, 1943** that the Penn Electric Switch Co., later known as Penn Controls (and acquired by Johnson Controls in 1968), would be given the Army-Navy “E” Award for their production efforts during World War II. By 1943, the Penn plant was 95% engaged in war production. Among the items Penn manufactured for the military were firing circuits for Navy anti-aircraft guns, periscopes for Army tanks, and “cowl flap” controls for Army Air Force fighters. Army and Navy representatives were to arrive in Goshen, Indiana to present the award on March 5, 1943 to the 671 men and women who were employed at Penn. The “E” flag was to fly at the Penn plant, and each employee was to receive a lapel pin. The award ceremony was to be held in the Goshen High School auditorium, with officials from city, county, state and federal government attending. In 1944, Globe-Union (the predecessor to today’s Power Solutions Group), the Johnson Service Company (Johnson Controls’ former name), and the York Corporation were also bestowed with the “E” Award.



Cover from a Penn Electric Switch Co. booklet commemorating the company’s receipt of the Army-Navy “E” Award.

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

Tom Koth passed away on May 15, 2017. Husband of Bettyann. Tom was a construction foreman in the Milwaukee Branch

Joan Damato passed away on March 23, 2017. She is survived by her children and grandchildren. Joan worked at Michigan Street in Milwaukee.

From WSJSociety.com

Get your golf clubs out; it's that time of the year again!

Join us for the 2017 Johnson Controls Annual Golf Outing at the Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex, WI.

We've received an invitation to join in again this year — thanks to Sarah Lili Jerez of Employee Services for sending the invitation.

Remember ...

Date: Saturday, July 15

Where: Ironwood Golf Course

Time: 7:30 a.m. shotgun start

Cost: \$70 JCI employees (including retirees), \$75 for non-employees

Go to the WSJSociety.com/Program Update for more information

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.

