



Warren S. Johnson Society Newsletter  
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### Winter Luncheon

Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road  
Cost \$16.00  
11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

#### Menu Selections

- **Double Thick Sour Cream Pork Chop**
- **Lemon Caper Chicken**

*(Entrees served with salad, choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)*

- **Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad**  
*(Salads served with soup or fruit cup, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)*
- **Dessert – Sherbet**

### Program

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – UWM School of Continuing Education**

[http://uwm.edu/sce/program\\_area/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/](http://uwm.edu/sce/program_area/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/)

**Our guest speakers will be Kim Beck, Executive Director and Terry King, Membership Chair**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is designed for older adults who share a love of learning throughout their lifetimes.

Our guest speakers will present an overview of the innovative and enriching programs the Institute offers; challenging learning programs without tests or grades in a social setting that keeps the mind fresh and fosters new friendships.

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#### **Please:**

Make checks payable to: **WSJ Society**  
Mail to: **WSJ Society**  
**P.O. Box 1425**  
**Grafton, WI 53024** in time to arrive by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Fall Luncheon 2017

**Johnson Controls Corporate Sustainability ... and More!**

We met two particularly special people from the company at the Fall Luncheon, and they're doing some particularly special work ... global scale. Gil Cubia, Director, Global Community Involvement & Engagement was our speaker for the luncheon. Linda Van Straten, Community Involvement Specialist, Public Affairs joined Gil to share the message of contribution to create safe, smart, and secure communities.

In her presentation, Gil gave us an overview of Corporate Sustainability Initiatives at Johnson Controls. (You can get more of the story at: <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/corporate-sustainability/social>.) The numbers are big as might be expected from a large, multi-national company, \$14 million contributed in 2016 and perhaps more important, 1.2 million employee volunteer hours contributed globally. And, there's a goal to make that 2.5 million employee volunteer hours by 2020. Those hours make sustainability up-close-and-personal for employees and the people in their communities. That's good stuff!

We learned that the workplace giving programs are being improved. Those include the annual campaigns for United Way, UPAF, and UNCF. For instance, K-12 has been added to eligible Education institutions. Retirees are invited to participate in these programs. You can find the latest information at the corporate website and we'll keep the link to the Matching Gift Program at <http://wsjsociety.com/connect/the-hub/> to help you stay current.



Linda VanStraten, Gil Cubia



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A Big Show in Chicago

As I write this it's mid- November and I'm packing for the Wisconsin Deer hunt, and planning to join the 600,000+ members of that Blaze Orange army that attempts to thin out our state deer herd each year. That's more armed folks than the US has in most countries where we have troops fighting. I think the Insurance companies cheer our efforts every time they have to settle another damage claim for a vehicle hitting a deer. A recent article says those collisions happen 236 times a day in Wisconsin during this peak time of the year. So, venison in the freezer is far better than venison through your windshield.

However, as you read this, it will be time for finalizing plans to attend that big ASHRAE show that fills Chicago's McCormick Place every third or fourth January. Its numbers are not as big as Wisconsin's deer hunt, but 50-60,000 of your closest HVAC friends can still make for a pretty large event. It's tough to find a hotel there if you don't start early. I believe many of you have experienced that event. The Company used to send multiple bus loads of us down there for a day, to see the big show which our Industry puts together. Any product, or piece of one, or service, or business, or vehicle, or schooling, or tool, or printed material, or whatever could possibly be used in an HVAC function is represented there, ten times over. So you probably have a story to tell as well.

Since I am still serving my life sentence as a Life Member of ASHRAE, I plan to get down there for both the Trade Show at McCormick and the Technical meetings and presentations which are the core of why ASHRAE exists. Since our former company did pull out of that show for several years before we bought (merged with) York, I believe I've been to more Chicago ASHRAE shows than JCI has in the past 45 years. Since many people stay in our industry for much of their career, there are many familiar faces there to reconnect with, regardless of where they are now employed. For me, my name tag will just say "Retired". One of the best places to find that crowd of familiar faces is the 5:00 PM Amtrack train from Chicago to Milwaukee on the final closing day of the show. All the Locals are headed home. Only some of them are fellow Johnsonites. Others are vendors, customers, professors, students, competitors, and maybe even a relative. Once this HVAC stuff is in your blood, it is a permanent affliction.

Now back to digging out my blaze orange, and packing the cooler. I've been told there is also some holiday during this deer season. I guess that is why all the bars serve turkey that day of the week. In 45 years of marriage to my lovely and understanding wife, we have only shared that meal once. That is the year she came along hunting.

Gene

# People We Know

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Corporate Sustainability at Johnson Controls also includes Environmental and STEM Leadership Programs as well as Disaster Relief. How about Fire & Protection for the informal settlements that exist around many third world cities? There's good work being done here!

Gil started her talk by noting that her visit with us had been in the works for about a year and that she was grateful for being asked to share her message with us. Thanks to the Gil's commitment and the persistence of the Program team, Janet and Jim, members at the luncheon were treated to a positive story of good work being done by the Johnson Controls community. I'm very grateful that Gil and Linda took the time to share the story with us, a sentiment shared by all present. Thanks to you Gil and Linda.



Gil Cubia listening closely during the Q&A time.

On top of all of that, we got to welcome Skip Wick for the first time at the luncheon. Skip was with the Quality Systems group during his career. It was great to see you again Skip.

We are all better together ...

Jude Anders, VP Communications



Skip Wick, Quality Systems, 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon

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## REUNION 2018

Our Program Team, Jim Pasterczyk and Janice Peters, are in planning mode! They are looking for new ideas for **Reunion 2018**. They want to offer an event that you will enjoy – so please send them your thoughts.

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## U. S. A. F. approves construction of Texas Towers, January 11, 1954

On **January 11, 1954**, the United States Air Force approved the construction of five Texas Towers as a part of its Air Defense System. The Texas Towers were offshore radar facilities named for their resemblance to oil-drilling rigs found along the Texas coastline in the Gulf of Mexico. They were constructed from 1958 to 1960 in the Atlantic Ocean along the eastern seaboard of the United States as a platform for long range radar against a possible Soviet bomber attack. The Johnson Service Company (now Johnson Controls) was contracted to supply the controls for the Towers' direct radiation, heating, and ventilating units, as well as its chilled water system, and exhaust fans. The work was complicated by the fact that the entire structure was made watertight, floated to sea, and then erected. Company workers would travel to the Tower sites by helicopter or boat, work seven twelve-hour days, and then head back to shore. Only three (#2, #3, #4) of the planned five Texas Towers were built. With the advent of the Soviet ICBM force, the perceived threat from a Soviet bomber attack was reduced, and the remaining two Towers were decommissioned in 1963.



IMAGE CAPTION: Texas Tower #2, located 125 miles east of Chatham, Massachusetts in the Atlantic Ocean, was to provide radar coverage for Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts; it stood 150 feet above the ocean floor and 65 feet above the ocean surface

## 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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## From WSJociety.com

Launched in 1989, the Warren S Johnson Society (aka WSJ Society) is named for Warren Seymour Johnson, inventor of the electric room thermostat and the founder of Johnson Controls. The WSJ Society is a social organization of members who share career experiences at Johnson Controls or its subsidiaries.



Members at the JCI Timeline ... Reunion 2016

## Mission

The WSJ Society promotes the continuation of friendships established during our years at Johnson Controls through activities such as social gatherings, newsletters, community service projects/programs, and continued learning experiences.

Does that mean you have to know someone to join? Of course not! The WSJ Society is a great group to make new friends. At one time we all shared a Johnson Controls career experience. That's a start. Let's build on that, enjoy each other and do some good.

## Membership Eligibility

Eligible member candidates include those who are:

- Retired from Johnson Controls, or
- Past and present employee with 10 or more years of service, or
- Surviving spouse of a paid-up member.



# 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.

