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Spring 2018 Luncheon
 Thursday, April 19, 2018
 Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road
 Cost \$16.00
 11:00 Gather-11:45 Lunch-1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- **Ranch Style Swiss Steak with Mixed Vegetables**
- **Baked Cod, Tartar Sauce and Lemon Wedge**
 (Entree served with salad and choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)
- **Seasonal Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast**
 (Salad served with soup or fruit cup, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)
- **Dessert – Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae**

Program

Speaker: Laura Lange, Milwaukee Art Museum Docent
Coming Away: Winslow Homer and England



Image: *Hark! The Lark, 1882*
 Oil on canvas
Winslow Homer
 (American, 1836–1910)

<https://mam.org/exhibitions/>

Laura will provide insight into a pivotal moment in the career of America's most important nineteenth-century painter. This was the period when he traveled to England to observe and capture life along the waterfront, changing the course of the rest of his career.
 [Exhibit runs from March 1, 2018 through May 20, 2018]

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in time to arrive by April 11th.

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

The importance of being active & engaged ...

If the Winter Luncheon had a theme – it would be about the benefits of being engaged in life and community – good people sharing their experiences.

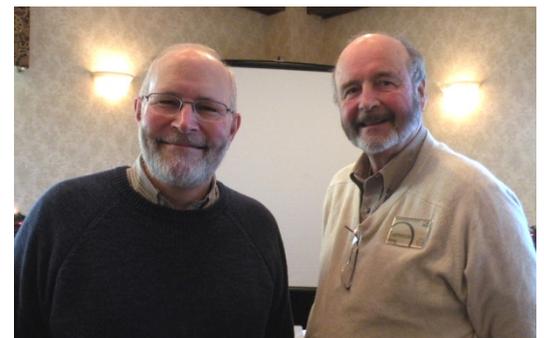
First off, we got to welcome Charlene Benjamin and Dave Sobczak to their first luncheon. It's always good to re-connect with good friends and colleagues.



Charlene Benjamin and Dave Sobczak

Then, our speaker, Kim Beck, Executive Director of the [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM](#), took us through the opportunities the Osher Institute offers for social reactive learning. 'Social reactive learning?' – it's about people getting together to share their ideas, life experiences, and learning something new along the way.

Osher has classes, events, travel, you name it. Kim went through a list of benefits, adapting to change, on-going contribution, social activity, finding meaning & fulfillment, experience aging as continued growth ... Osher, funded by the Bernard Osher Foundation, has 199 institutes across the United States with over 1,600 members. In Milwaukee the institute is located at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Check the website for an [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#) in your area. You might find just what you were looking for, and maybe something unexpected that offers you new horizons for enjoyment and making a contribution.



Tim Beck
 and
 Terry King

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chicago ASHRAE in the Rear View Mirror

The 2018 ASHRAE show is now history. I wonder if they hit their 70,000 attendance target – I wasn't counting, but it was a massive sea of people. Chicago knows how to handle a convention of that size and keep everything working smooth. The organization claims there are now only three other US cities that can handle the ASHRAE winter show - Atlanta, Orlando, and Las Vegas.

The Johnson Controls booth(s) was the largest at the show. I was amazed at how many brand names are now part of the Johnson Controls family. Here they are, see how many you recognize:

Facility Explorer	Johnson Controls	Metasys	
PENN	Ruskin	TempMaster	
Verasys	Hart & Cooley	Koch Filter	
Trion	PennBarry	Selkirk	
York	Envirco	Titus	
Quantech	Hitachi		

Don't ask me – look them up online!

There is an ever expanding contingent of international companies showing products at these shows. Years ago it started with small booths like a China Town just offering small component parts. Now there are complete products: Furnaces, boilers, chillers, rooftops, cooling towers, refrigerant systems of all types, etc. etc. McCormick Place is full from end to end, side to side, and ceiling to floor. Several booths opened up the beer and wine, late on Monday afternoon. They all started simultaneously, so there must have been a time limit. Suspecting that Johnson may not participate in such risky behavior, I had to see if there were any such refreshments at the Johnson booth – none seen. So I had to carry one in and relish "How great it is to be RETIRED!"

The other aspect is the people attending. As the years in retirement add up – there are fewer faces that I recognize. When we in Field Engineering coordinated the Branch Purchasing Directory, many vendors wanted to be included, so I knew more folks. Here are past and present Johnson employees that I met either at the Show or in ASHRAE meetings. See who you also recognize. (I regret any misspellings)

Terry Hoffmann	John House	Jim Braun
Itzhak Maor	Carol Lomanaco	Earl Doyle
Juliet Pagliaro	Dave Bishop	Don Albinger
David Gill	Pornsak Songkakul	Mike Bonfiglio
Paul Stewart	Marty Harrington	Steve Drolinger
Woody Dickenson	Ron Schram	Brian Estill

They all look like future WSJ Society members to me.

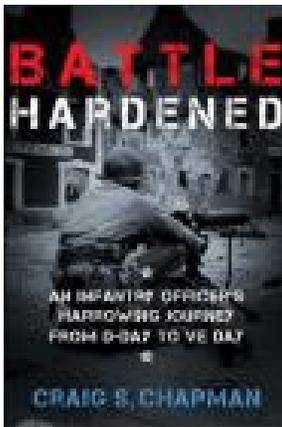
Maybe in three years some of you want to join me on this trip?

Gene Strehlow

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Terry King, Osher Volunteer Executive provided more of the Osher story. Terry talked about the enjoyment in being an Osher volunteer, contributing to the success of the program, impacting the lives of all participants. You might recall that our own Dennis Miller is a regular program instructor with Osher. Check it out!

As a bonus for the day, Beth Chapman came with news that her son Craig had written a book about Bill Chapman's experiences during World War II. The title is "[*Battle Hardened: An Infantry Officer's Harrowing Journey from D-Day to V-E Day*](#)." The story centers on Bill, but it's also the story about Bill and Beth, their experiences as a young couple during those last years of the war.



At Johnson Controls, Bill was VP Chief Technology Officer, a leader on Fred Brengel's staff. Among other achievements, Bill created the Research Department that had attracted me from Marquette University in 1972. Bill always struck me as one of those quiet leaders who worked well with others to get the job done.

He even became the President of ASHRAE, advancing its standards. I had no idea that he had led his squad in the D-Day landing on Utah Beach. And that he was one of the few officers who would survive that D-Day landing through to V-E Day.

I highly recommend you get the book to read the whole story. Craig did a fantastic job in putting it together. It's a combination of those personal stories Bill told his family over the years and the historical records that Craig and his wife researched to place Bill's stories in their time and place – their real experiences.

Now, the rest of the story, Bill retired from Johnson Controls in 1986. Some of our members didn't know him. However, they have all come to know and love Beth who is a regular participant at our luncheons. She and Joan Brengel have been regulars at the reunion dinners. They are both fantastic people to know. That's one of the benefits of membership for the rest of us! Thanks Beth for sharing your story.



Get the book ... buy a copy or check it out from the library. [Milwaukee Public Library](#) already has it – 4 locations. It's a first hand story of the courage under fire by the men and women who led the world through those dangerous times.

Submitted by Jude Anders
Editor WSJSociety.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Lou Davit – Milwaukee

Lou sent these pictures of Bruce Ashenfelter taken in 1981 at the EAA Convention in Oshkosh, WI. An avid pilot and WWII veteran, Bruce had a landing strip at his home!



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

Robert Lindsey passed away on January 14, 2018 at the age of 94. He served the company in many sales and management roles during his career. He is survived by his wife Sandy, 7 children and their families.

Ronald P.C. Waller passed away on February 11, 2018. He served many operational and project management responsibilities during his 25 years. He is survived by his wife Beverly, 3 children and their families.

Ray Proprocki passed away on January 29, 2018 at the age of 99. His wife Marvel predeceases him. Their two sons and families survive them.

Jim Gissing passed away on November 9, 2017. He worked at the Georgetown, KY facility for many years. Jim is survived by his wife Esther, their son and family.

SAVE THE DATE!

Planning for the WSJ Society Biennial Reunion is in the works!

The tentative date is

Saturday, September 29, 2018.

The team is working on several ideas to replace the usual evening dinner dance.

At present we are working to schedule JCI-centered presentation in the morning, either at Corporate or BE Headquarters, followed by afternoon/early-evening activities. Some ideas we are pursuing include tours, theater events, etc., but we also welcome your suggestions.

Please send suggestions to President Gene Strehlow [g.strehlow@sbcglobal.net.] Look for updates in future newsletters and on the website.

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.

