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Spring 2019 Luncheon

Thursday, April 18, 2019
 Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road
Cost \$17.00
 11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- Roast Sirloin of Beef, Brown Gravy
- Chicken Normandy (boneless chicken breast, homemade bread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce)
- Grilled Chicken Breast Salad w/Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Chocolate Sundae for dessert

Program

Introduction to Electric Bikes

Speakers

Matt Geib, Manager, Wheel & Sprocket, Brookfield
Kathy Devries, Marketing Manager, Wheel & Sprocket

The presentation will cover all aspects of the electric bike including:

- the benefits of the electric bike
- the basics of an electric bike—motor, battery, computer, and frame
- how to ride an electric bike—using the assist
- what types of electric bikes are on the market/what's the future
- what are the legal implications for electric bikes
- if possible, samples of electric bikes will be shown

Please make checks payable to: WSJ Society
 -Mail to: WSJ Society
 P.O. Box 1425
 Grafton, WI 53024
 -Checks need to arrive no later than **Thursday, April 11, 2019**

Also, let us know if you have any dietary restrictions when making your reservation or contact Jim Pasterczyk, VP Program at 414-764-8609.

**Winter Luncheon ...
 We beat the weather!**

Always a favorite event, mid-winter in Milwaukee, there couldn't be a better time to get out for a warm lunch and good cheer with friends, old and new. This year we beat the winter weather. The cold (-20 degF) and snow (12" storms) didn't come until late January and early February. Never-the-less, in good Wisconsin form, we got together for that warm lunch and good cheer, just like always. Who needs bad weather to have a party? Even better, we got to welcome John Seem as our first-time attendee!



Our speakers for the day were great. Jeremy Scott, Group Sales Manager and Jess Shake, Group Sales Manager from the Milwaukee Repertory Theater gave us a behind-the-scenes perspective of the Rep's offerings.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gene Strehlow

How You Doin'?

What's the latest on your---- *<fill in the blank>*?

auto restoration ---bad knee ---grandkids ---golf game ---summer trip ---old hobby ---medical insurance
-----famous recipe ---social security ---investments ---spouse ---gardening ---vacation rental ---
-----part time job --- reading list ---hearing aid ---etc., etc.

Have you heard from <Bob/Sue> lately?

Is <Joe> still in Florida?

How is <Pete> after the cancer?

Did you get a deer this season?

Do any of these topics sound like something you would like to compare notes with someone you spent 10 – 20 – 30 – 40 years getting to know at JCI? In our working years we had many opportunities to keep in touch with our “Work Family”. Sometimes it was just to keep in touch as a friend; sometimes it was to bounce ideas or questions off others in a similar situation, to get input as you wrestle with an issue. Your WSJ Society luncheon is a quarterly version of those non-work discussions we used to do on a daily or weekly basis. We typically have 40-50 people at the luncheons. While nobody knows everybody there, everybody knows somebody, and so will you.

Still working?

When I was considering retirement, I had questions about what that life style would be like, and would I lose contact with many of those that I knew during my decades with JCI. When asked what I would miss the most in retirement, my answer was “I’ll miss all the people at JCI”. The WSJ Society can bridge some of that gap you may also be thinking of. Or it can be a group of individuals to pose some of those retirement questions to.

Come to a luncheon (April 18, or some future one) and compare notes on these topics, or any of the 101 I didn't think to add above. If these luncheons don't fit your schedule or location, send us a note to let us know how you are doing on any topic you like. It's not quite as good as 2-way communications – but it's better than silence . . .

Gene



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This is the 65th Anniversary year for the Rep. Jeremy gave us a brief history. The Rep started in the Fred Miller Theater on Oakland Ave., a venue with a venerable history of its own. I often wondered why Kalt's next door, a favorite for beer and pizza, had those pictures of celebrities from years gone by.

Not just theater for its own sake, the Rep aspires to "create positive social change" on its several venues. We enjoyed The Stackner Theater at Reunion 2018, a dinner and performance of "Songs for Nobodies" to round out the evening. Jess gave us the low down on the advantages that groups like ours have for the theater experience.

Oh, and on that "social change" theme, we learned about access to theater experience for those patrons requiring special access, e.g. signing for the deaf, audio for the blind. How about that?

We also learned that casting for plays is done on a national basis, with sets created and shared by multiple theater companies across the country. We get the benefit of the work of talented people from across the country.

There's a lot happening at The Rep. Check out their program – at all of their stages. You might just find that special theater experience you've been wanting.

Submitted by
Jude Anders, Editor

Your fellow retirees enjoying the luncheon!



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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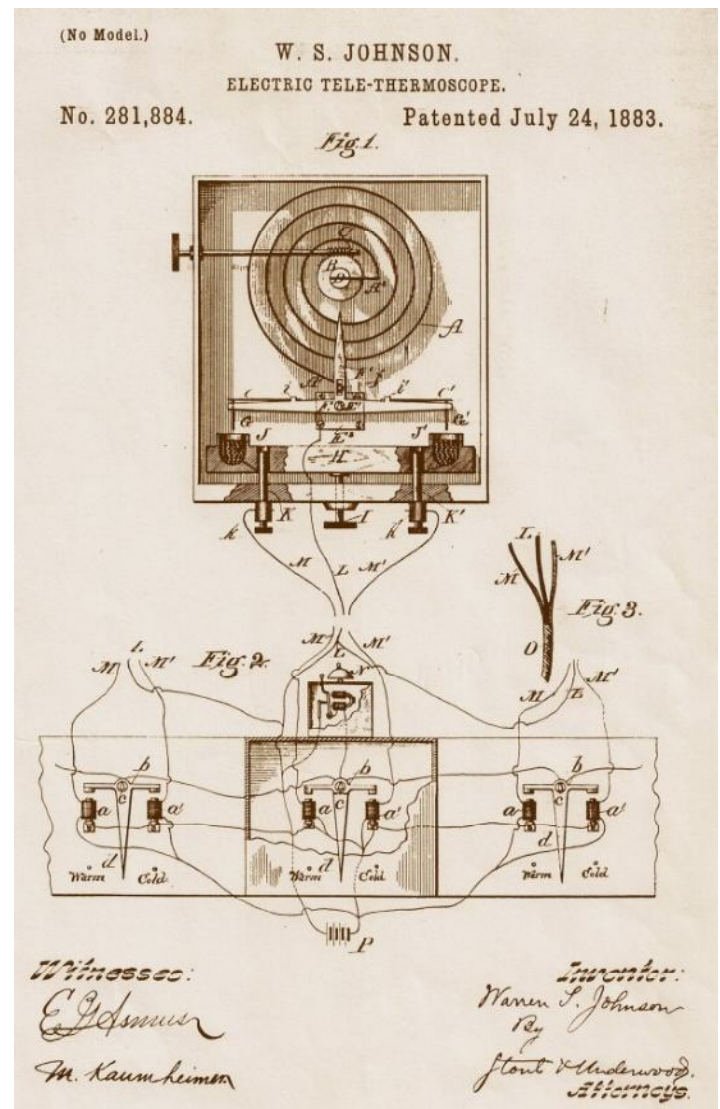
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In Remembrance

Janice Peters passed away on December 10, 2018. She enjoyed being the Co-VP of Program for the WSJ Society. Janice is survived by her daughters Lindsay Peters and Erika (Chris) Nowak.

Bob Pagliasotti passed away on December 28, 2018. He had a long career in the Denver office and the Midwest Region. Bob is survived by 5 children and their families.

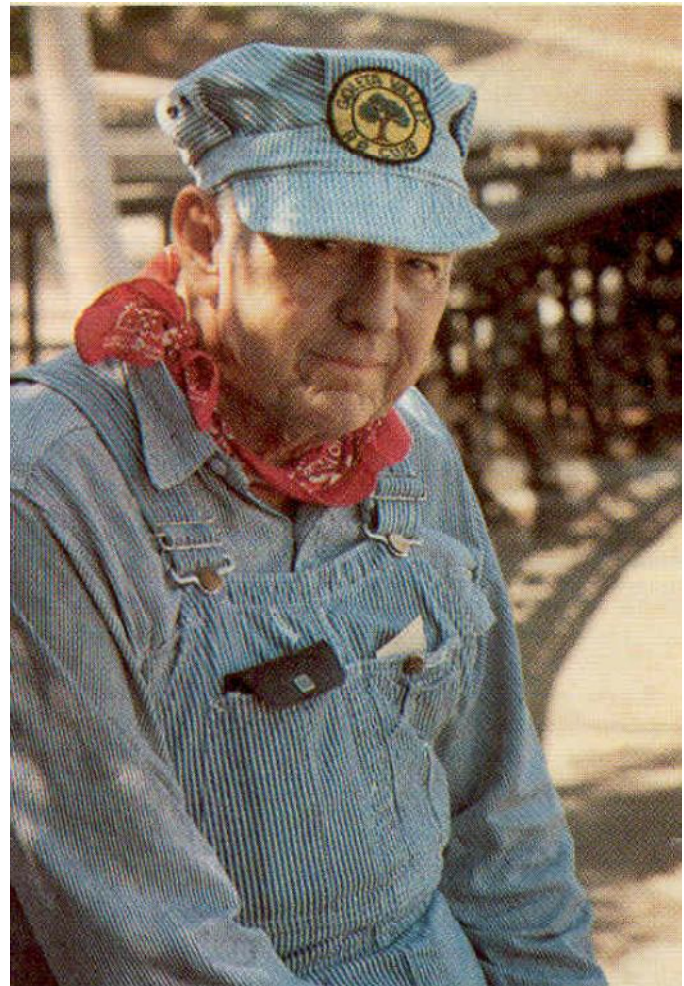
An old patent drawing



Seymour Johnson, grandson of Warren Johnson and longtime company board member, born on May 7, 1901...

Seymour F. Johnson, the grandson of Johnson Controls' founder Warren Johnson, was born on **May 7, 1901**. The only son of Paul Johnson (Warren's first son), Seymour Johnson spent his childhood in Milwaukee and, later, moved to California with his parents and sister as a teenager. Seymour maintained very close ties with the company that bore his family name as he served on Johnson Controls' board of directors from 1946 to 1985 (he was an emeritus director of Johnson Controls at the time of his death in early 1992). However, his greatest interests lay in radio and television engineering. He bought out his father's interest in the radio parts store his father had started in Pasadena and operated it for several years. In 1926, he began a twenty-five year stint at radio station KFI in Los Angeles, where he eventually became chief operator. He also was put in charge of the installation and operation of the television station started by the same firm. During WWII, Seymour served as a staff member at MIT where he worked on shipborne radar equipment, including the "echo box," a device later manufactured by the Johnson Service Company (Johnson Controls former name) that was used to

calibrate radar systems. After retirement, Seymour continued as a radio and television consulting engineer and installed and operated the largest 7 1/2" gauge miniature railroad in the country on his ranch near Santa Barbara.



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.

