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Summer 2019 Luncheon

Thursday, July 18, 2019
Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road
New Price --→ \$18.00
11:00 Gather–12:00 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- Baked one-half chicken with cranberry sauce
- Ground Round with mushroom gravy and mixed vegetables
- Chef's Salad
- Chocolate Sundae for dessert

(Entrees are served with salad/choice of dressing, whipped or buttered potatoes, Italian bread, coffee, tea, or milk, and choice of dessert. Rice or Mostaccioli is served in lieu of potatoes for some lunch choices. Soups or fruit cups are served with Salad choices)

Program:

Thomas H. Fehring, P.E., a member of ASME, will speak about his book, "The Magnificent Machines of Milwaukee and the Engineers who created them" which was published in June 2018.

The book is about the story of innovation and enterprise creation in Milwaukee during the Century of Progress ~~~the hundred years starting after the end of the Civil War. It's about a remarkable era during which Milwaukee became known as "the Machine Shop of the World".

Tom will have copies of his book on hand for anyone interested in purchasing it. Tom's book includes information about Johnson Service and Warren Johnson, our company's founder. Even pictures of Jim Keyes, Tom Ament, Brian Stark and Tom Norquist are in Tom's book.

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 July 11, 2019
- New Price -- \$18.00

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

It's Spring

Time to think about getting out,
shaking off the winter blues!
How about an eBike for everyone?

This Spring Luncheon we took on that question, seriously. Thanks to Kathy DeVries, Wheel and Sprocket Marketing Manager, we got the straight scoop. eBikes enable micro-mobility; more folks can get around, handle hills, while getting a good physical workout with an eBike. Pedal assist is the preferred eBike drive configuration with an option for a 20 mph limit or 28 mph limit. The idea is to support the rider's efforts, enabling more people to enjoy the ride without over exerting themselves.

This is big business. Last year in Europe, 80% of all bike sales were eBikes. Kathy expects that to be the case in the US over the next 10 years. More local, bike tourism is a \$1.4 billion dollar business, bikes a \$2.5 billion dollar business both in Wisconsin alone. How about that? And, we have some of the best bikes and bike trails right here — all served well by Wheel and Sprocket and high quality dealers like them.

You can get far more of the technical information at the **Wheel and Sprocket** website and the video that Kathy played in her presentation: **Wheel & Sprocket Electric Customers.** (For those reading this in the Newsletter, just do a web search for "Wheel and Sprocket Electric Bike Customers." It's the YouTube video near the top of the search result.)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gene Strehlow

Our Newsletter in Print may be at Risk

We need your email address to build a backup communication channel. See the following.

Our printed newsletter has been a mainstay of our organization for most of our 30 years of existence. It is our most used form of communication with you – our members. Until now our company – Johnson Controls, had been gracious enough to underwrite the printing and mailing costs for this publication, but that may now be changing. As of 2019 those costs have not been covered by the company, and this looks like it will continue. We are looking for a new sponsor for this communication channel, but have not been successful so far.

It costs about \$700 to print and mail each quarterly newsletter to our 500 members. That's \$1.40 for each copy mailed. So our \$5 per year (\$50 lifetime) dues will not cover the newsletter expense. Our WSJ Society funds could only cover this added expense for a limited time.

If our ability to send you a newsletter on a regular basis were to be compromised, we are afraid we may lose touch with many of you, and that would not be good. So we are starting a serious effort to get and maintain an up-to-date list of email addresses for all of our members. We have email addresses for some of our members, but suspect that many of them are quite old. While we are aware that everyone may not have or use email, we need to get this channel of communication updated for everyone willing and able to move into this 21st century. We do not give these email addresses to anyone, and they are now held only by our membership chairman (Greg Pascucci, 262-549-6192). We need to know how many members we can communicate with, and by which methods, so we can choose the best path in these changing times.

Please send us an active email address that we could use to send you information similar to the newsletter. Include your name, since all email addresses are not self-explanatory.

Send **Your Name, Email Address** - to -> WSJSocietyEmails@gmail.com

Help your Warren S. Johnson Society keep in touch with YOU! Add any news you want to.

Gene Strehlow
262-251-0166 (the old fashion way)

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And, as you might have guessed, Kathy DeVries is the daughter of Neil and Judy DeVries, our long-time members. They made it a family affair — Neil and Judy are rightfully proud of Kathy's success. Clearly Kathy is enjoying her work.



Now, on a personal note, we got to re-connect with our first time luncheon participant, George Lewis. Hopefully the first of many — it was great to meet George.

And, a special note, our thanks to Ron Kuta for his long service as both secretary on the Board and official photographer at our events. Ron and his wife, Judy, are doing a bit of downsizing in their busy schedules. They've kept a very busy pace for years, doing lots of good stuff! Thanks to you both for your contributions to veterans, the community, and the WSJ Society. Ron and Judy intend to be regulars at our luncheons, but Ron has retired from those other official duties. Well-deserved, thanks to you both.



More photos from the luncheon:



Submitted by:
Jude Anders, Editor

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

Gene Bendix passed away April 25, 2019. He worked for many years as a technical writer in the Marketing Communications Dept. in Milwaukee. He is survived by his wife Susan, two daughters and their families.

Catherine Sakac passed away in January 2018. She worked in the Milwaukee office.

Henry Kulynch passed away February 17, 2019. He worked in the Toronto office.

Ed Laird passed away February 16, 2019. He is survived by his wife Joan, two daughters and their families. He worked in the Milwaukee office as a chemist.

Pamela J Wang passed away November 18, 2018. She is survived by her husband Curtis. She worked at JCI from 1981-2015

Inspirational Times in the South By Barbara Helgesen

I am serious when I express my title to this article. It seems that there are times that the painting expresses itself on the canvas. Here are a few examples to show some of what I have done down here in Alabama.

It won't be long, at the end of May, before we will return to Wisconsin and the golfing season will be a part of our life there and seeing our friends around.

The life in Alabama has been great. However, it too had the climate changes down here in the winter. Now it is coming back to normal. The Spring Breakers (students) have their time down here too and we try to stay out of their way. I do remember the days when I too went with a group to enjoy the freedom of restrictions and studies.

I have written a Log to friends about the activities and journeys down here which seem to be enjoyed and envied. The three months of Jan - March have gone but not forgotten. The Wisconsin Snobird Club has increased to over 700 now and enjoyed by all. There are meetings twice a month, Breakfasts/Luncheons/Dinners that are offered, visits to the Zoo, card games every Friday and golf tournaments. We do take tours over to Biloxi and Gulfport for the Casino's.

Hope you enjoy the pictures and the thoughts of our time in the South.



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.

