



Due to the pandemic, we have cancelled the luncheon scheduled for January 21.

Your Board of Directors is watching the local status of the Covid 19 situation. We do not believe that an indoor social gathering of our high risk group is a good idea at this time and we are hopeful for the vaccine's arrival in the near future.

Wishing you and your families a nice holiday season.

Note on Retiree Life Insurance:

Several retirees have recently received a Johnson Controls Benefit Resources mailing. It references our Retiree Basic Life insurance policy. Some specify its death benefit as \$10,000 and some do not show any \$ figure. To the best of our knowledge everyone who has checked into it confirms that they still have a policy valued at \$10,000 death benefit. While we cannot say that this is consistent across all business units and all employment periods, it does appear that nothing has changed, and if you once had this benefit it is still there.

That letter references a Johnson Controls Service Center phone number 1-866-496-1999 and/or this web page digital.alight.com/jci if you desire to follow up for yourself. These are the same phone and web page listed on our W. S. Johnson Society resource page.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Back

Just like the Health Experts predicted

Of course Covid 19 never left, but as I write this in mid- November, the pandemic is getting very active. I hope it's better by the time you read this, and those vaccines that we are now hearing about are proving to be effective. Your Board had to again cancel our January 2021 luncheon since the current trend, when the decision has to be made, is only getting worse. Hopefully, those vaccines will help us get to a point where we can schedule another luncheon and you (our fellow members) are willing to come together again.

The Chicago ASHRAE trade show has also been canceled for a similar time frame in late January 2021. Many of you have made the trek down to McCormick Place to see all of the newest HVAC equipment and services. Maybe you've even worked at our JCI booth at that show. I know that I have not missed a Chicago ASHRAE trade show since my first booth duty in 1973. Yes I admit it is somewhat of an addiction. Even JCI has not significantly participated in every one since then. I learned quickly how long a few days of booth duty can become. JCI didn't even provide chairs, because then the staff looked just as worn out as we actually were, and that wasn't considered a welcoming impression for our customers. This year even ASHRAE, with all their HVAC expertise, couldn't figure out how to hold a safe indoor event during this pandemic.

Now I'm off to start the Wisconsin deer hunt along with 600,000 +/- others in this annual blaze orange army. That's a larger invasion of Wisconsin than the US has in most of the foreign countries where we have troops. Ponder that for awhile.

Stay safe in these trying times.

Gene

Ps: Good News - as I finish this on 11-18-2020, I note that for the first time in 4 years, JCI's stock price has closed above the \$45.69/share basis that we were all taxed up to in the 2016 inversion. Four years we've been in the red, it's good to get to the positive side – I hope it lasts.

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

Beth Chapman, widow of Bill Chapman, passed away on October 10th. She is survived by their sons Craig (Mary Ann), Brian (Nancy), and Dean as well as 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

JCI Energy

submitted by Lou Davit

The section in the Journal Sentinel of 7/19/20 entitled “Power Source” with reference to the environment and corporate responsibility made me think about our Johnson Controls sustainable energy program. We ride down North Green Bay Ave and see the large array of the JCI solar panels at our Corporate Headquarters and wonder, how much power are they generating. We might also wonder how much electricity we are using at this site.

I took a look at the JCI website and found Fraser Ingerman, Director of JCI Global Media. Fraser referred me to Brian Pfeifer on the Facilities Team. Brian said that JCI’s ground system is rated at 250KW and the roof array is 135KW. JCI used an average of 19,470,000 KWh of electricity per year in the last 10 years and produced an average of 400,000 KWh, about 2% of what we used. But, he said, we purchase renewal energy credits (RECs) from offsite services. So all the electrical energy used onsite is from renewable energy sources.

I went further into the JCI website to find global energy information on JCI. Johnson was the first US company to commit to the EP100 energy efficiency commitment. We endorse the Global Alliance for Energy Productivity with a goal of 3% energy efficiency per year. Also we are one of the Fortune 100 Companies in the Paris Business Commitment Agreement to align our operations and strategies to the UN Global Compact Principles. There are more details on JCI policies, COP22 Position Statement, Human Rights, etc. 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. Annual printed Newsletter Subscription = \$6/yr. 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 last year for which you paid dues** (2018, 2019, 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.