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**Summer 2023 Luncheon**  
**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road

**NOTE PRICE: \$25 per person**

11am-Gathering / 12pm-Lunch / 1:00 program

The luncheon selections are:

- Veal Siciliano w/green peppers, onions and a side of Mostaccioli.
- Baked Stuff Pork Chop w/brown gravy and applesauce
- Seasonal salad w/grilled chicken breast with soup or fruit cup

Lunches include choice of dressing, whipped or buttered new potatoes, Italian bread and coffee. Rice or Mostaccioli is served in lieu of potatoes for certain entrees. Salad lunches are served with Italian bread, coffee, tea, or milk. \_Chocolate sundae for dessert

Lunch is \$25 per person.  
Please make checks payable to:  
WSJ Society.

**Checks need to arrive by July 13, 2023**

Mail checks to:

WSJ Society  
P.O. Box 1425  
Grafton, WI 53024

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions you may have when making your reservations. Or, contact Jim Pasterczyk, VP Program at 414-764-8609.

**Program**

Kenneth J. Wirth, Jr. is going to be the main program speaker at the Summer 2023 luncheon.

Kenneth is an Associate Director, Global Records and Management and Archives at Johnson Controls Inc.

As the main guest speaker, Kenneth will focus his talk about Johnson Controls Archives.

## President's Message



### Auld Maclaren – Johnson's Scotch

Do you recall this Old Scotch Whisky that was once part of Johnson Controls? Since the plan is to have our Johnson Controls Historian/Archivist - Kenneth Wirth at our next luncheon on July 20, I thought it appropriate to dust off this old bottle and offer a toast to the "Good Old Days".



Some history printed on the bottle: "Founded in Glasgow in 1844 by Robert Maclaren in the early years of Queen Victoria's long reign, the Company originally made heavy castings. In the early 1920's the Company began to make thermostatic controls. Maclaren's is today the oldest Company in Johnson Controls worldwide. The quaint instructions for drinking this whisky are in the style of William McGonagall - Scotland's worst poet – who lived at the time Maclaren's was founded. As part of the worldwide Johnson Controls Network, Maclaren's is proud to lend its name to this exclusive whisky."

Here's the instructions, also printed on bottle, for drinking Auld Maclaren Special Scotch Whisky. The poet might have spent too much time practicing these instructions while composing them.

"If whiles yer mind is blank and barren  
Ye tak ane hoot o' Auld Maclaren  
Here's a braw 'wee goldie' drink  
Fair draws yer lugs – but maks ye think  
For best results ye dinna thin it –  
Swally straight wi' naethin' in it!  
An' gin ye canna staun the latter  
Fill in till't wan third o' watter!!"

I inherited this bottle from who else but Norm Janisse, when he retired and was cleaning out the desk and credenza that he had in turn, inherited from a past Johnson Service Company President, Richard Murphy. That credenza always had a bottle or two in it and regularly drew in after-hours visits from many branch office field personnel who were in town for official business. This bottle was a gift of appreciation, from one of those visitors. Even our president Fred Brengel would stop in occasionally, at the end of a tough day. I can say for a fact that he has had some of the scotch that came from this very bottle. (As did I)

Cheers!

Gene

## 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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For membership information, contact the Membership VP using this email:

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## *In Remembrance*

**Fred Schutte** passed away on April 2, 2023 at the age of 92. He retired after a long career with JCI. He is survived by his wife Marge as well as his children, stepchildren and grandchildren.

**Stu Buchanan** passed away on April 11, 2023 at the age of 90. The majority of his long career was as Director of Research. He is survived by his wife Tricia, four children and grandchildren.

**Jim Robersen** passed away on May 16, 2023 at the age of 84. He was the Director of Human Resources for many years. He is survived by his wife Charlyne.

**Tony Zingale** passed away on March 27, 2023 at the age of 87. He retired from JCI after 50 years of service. He is survived by his wife Lena, four children and many grandchildren.

# 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 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 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.