

# Warren s. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

An independent organization of retired employees of Johnson Controls, Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT QUARTERLY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, July 21, 2005

Alioto's  
3041 N. Mayfair Road  
(Highway 100 & Burleigh)

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Cash Bar - Lunch - Meeting  
Cost: \$11.00

#### Menu Selection

- Roast Sirloin of Beef
- Tomato stuffed w/chicken salad

Program: Crime Prevention  
Speaker: An officer from the Milwaukee  
Police Department

The Community Services Division of our Milwaukee Police Department has assigned a police officer to speak at our next luncheon. He or She will be covering items such as Identity Theft, Street Smarts, Crime Prevention, how to protect our Community and Home, etc. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers after the presentation.

Mark your calendars and join us on July 21<sup>st</sup>! Reservations are required with menu selection and payment of by July 10, 2005.

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### Medicare & Premium Changes

*Report by Barbara Helgesen*



Ginger Rogers

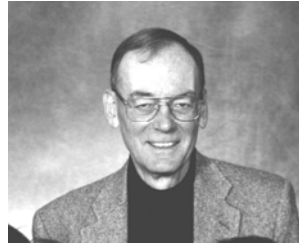
Well fellow retirees, this Ginger Rogers didn't give us any song and dance. Her program was up front and straight forward. She understands the needs and benefits of the seniors which she pointed out so well to us.

Since the survival ages have progressed from 85 to 100 yrs, the Medicare and Medicaid Services have given us choices to lower our health risks. There are screening tests in the preventative services and the prescription program that will benefit the drugs we take. However, there will be a penalty in the Part D prescription program each month after it is put into action if it is not chosen.

The best suggestion by our speaker was that we are sure to check the mail concerning the programs and read it carefully when you receive it in the near future.



# The President's Page



*Messages from Tom Parris*

## Tom Remembers

Remember that golden era when our luncheons cost a mere \$9.75? Ah yes, those were the good olde days. Well at our March 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, we determined that we have been losing money on each meal. So..... we voted to raise the price to \$11.00 in order to cover our costs.

Do any of you model railroaders remember Seymour F. Johnson's railroad? It was called the Montecito & Pacific Railroad. As I remember it, Seymour Johnson was the grandson of Warren S. Johnson. He was the first person that I remember that had a Greyhound bus converted into a motor home. He would park it in the company parking lot when he attended Board of Directors Meetings. One year, he had scale model stainless steel spikes made by our Model Shop for his railroad. Yes, he reimbursed the company for them. The railroad had a 15 inch track, steam locomotive and coaches with a half-mile loop track near his estate above Santa Barbara, California. The locomotive was a model of a New York Central J3 Hudson. Other model railroaders stored and ran their steam locomotives at his facility. Eventually, a collector purchased the locomotive and coaches from his estate. He also wrote technical articles for Live Steam and ModelTec magazines. For you genealogy fans, more of the Johnson family back to 1630 may be found at [http://www.kinnexions.com/kinnexions/Johnson/rr01/rr01\\_490.htm](http://www.kinnexions.com/kinnexions/Johnson/rr01/rr01_490.htm)

Anyone want to do an investigation and write an article?

## Da Winnah an da champeen a da world:

The winner of the contest to identify the students in the training school class picture in our last Newsletter is Stu Buchanan. Nine are current Society members. Those identified (or misidentified?) were:

Front Row: Dave Bigler, Bill Krutz, Tom Parris, Tom Lechner

Middle Row: Norm Heon, Vic Worobey, Bob McPherson, Joe Lewis, Ken Voss, Kent Shoemaker, Dick Fitzgerald, Jim MacLean, Gus Buffolano,

Back Row: Mike Kutz, Sam Robbins, Carleton Smallwood, Ikuo Ito, Wayne Drake, Jim Peavler, Ron Crabb, Phil Mac Aveney, Jim DeKleinhans

Twenty-two have not been identified. Can you match the names to the faces?

## Our Web Site: [www.JCI.com/retirees](http://www.JCI.com/retirees)

Caleb Tarleton formerly at the Seattle Office (1962 thru 1999) and Carol Lomonoco from Johnson Controls S.p.A. visited our web page recently and sent us favorable messages ([wsjsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:wsjsociety@yahoo.com)). Those of you that haven't visited our web site yet are encouraged to visit and give us your comments.

## "Injured or Unable to Play List"

Sharlene Wardinski has had health problems recently. We knew that she was really hurting when she missed her bowling trip. She is slowly returning to form and we expect to see her in good health at our next luncheon.

# “Tell Me MORE”

Next quarter, there will be a new column called “Tell Me More.” The theme is:

“My funniest JCI memory!”

Names can be changed to protect the innocent if necessary. Deadline for submission is August 16<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions for future themes are encouraged.

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## GROANERS



A chicken crossing the road  
is poultry in motion

A backward poet writes inverse



When you've seen one shopping center  
you've seen a mall.



## *In Remembrance*

### *Condolences to the families of:*

**Rita Sigman**, beloved wife of Bill Sigman passed away March 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Bill, she is also survived by three children and their families. Bill Sigman was the long-time manager of the Indianapolis office.

**Terry Tedford**, Regional Vice President in the Alpharetta, GA office, passed away on April 8, 2005.

**Vern Pickel** passed away February 16<sup>th</sup>. He retired in 1992 after 40 years with JCI. Vern began his career in Kansas City for 21 years, Dallas for 12 years and San Antonio for 7 years. He took up golf in retirement and was very good. He and Luella also enjoyed traveling in their RV and spending time with family and friends.



First Time Attendee to the quarterly  
Luncheon held April 21, 2005



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# FIELD REPORTS

## Caleb Tarleton - Controls Seattle

Just got my JCI Newsletter, and found the new Website. Great Job!, glad to see we have moved into the Email age.

Sorry to hear about the passing of two close JCI friends, Dave Sterk and Ken Kammeraad. Dave was our Engineering Manager in Seattle, when I joined the Office in 1962. He taught me everything I knew about controls, then went on to greater things in LA, and Phoenix. Ken was a frequent and welcome visitor from the Main Office. We always enjoyed his outgoing, upbeat presence.

## Carol Lomonaco - Lomagna, Italy

I liked the webpage for the Retirees or those employees with 20+ years.

Great job! Thank you!

## George Sperl, Milwaukee

Pat and I flew to Albuquerque, NM to attend a reunion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, in which I was a rifleman (Browning automatic rifle to be specific). It was on Christmas Day in 1944 that our Division was rushed into action to start pushing the Germans back in order to reduce the bulge they had created in our defensive line, later named the Battle of the Bulge.

Fast forward 60 years and our Division met again to reminisce and compare stories about that Christmas in 1944. It was a great experience to sit and chat about the events of that day and the days that followed into January 1945. We also enjoyed several banquets and field trips.

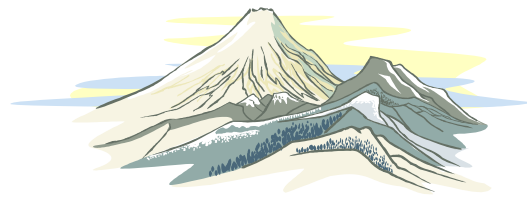
## Don Bevill - Controls Atlanta

Lori File gave a private retirement party at her home for Lonnie Duncan on March 19th. Lonnie had been working with the Atlanta office since 1967 until recently.

Lonnie is the handsome guy kneeling. The four other JCI "oldies" in the picture are Pete West, Ken House, Pat Burgamy and Don Bevill.

The party was great and it was a lot of fun getting together with the other JCI folks from the days of yore





## Rocky Mountain Chapter Reports

By Bob Pagliasotti

### Editor's Note

*My sincere apologies for the delay in printing this report and these photos!  
The envelope somehow found its way into the wrong file! So, very belatedly.....*

This was our 50<sup>th</sup> meeting as a chapter of the W.S.J.S.O.R.I. We love it and recommend it highly! We should have a dozen or more chapters by now. Come on fellow Johnsonites – organize a chapter in your area; you will be glad you did.



Carmen & Gene Bankston



Fred Mackintosh and Chuck Cluff



Bill Braak and Bob Pagliasotti



Jack Schofield and Van Vandevan



Carol & Bob Jeske



Barney & Barbie Meyer



Rod & Teda Wight



Don & Ricky Morgan



Jim & Audrey Williamson



Kit & Bob Oliver



Darlene Meyer and George Eckert



Pat & Bob Vick



Bob Pagliasotti and Leon White

**Warren S. Johnson  
Society of Retirees, Inc.**

This Society is dedicated to providing meaningful services to the retirees of Johnson Controls, Inc. including current information about retirement benefits and the opportunity to meet socially with other members of the Society. This Newsletter is published quarterly to contribute to those goals. Your input is welcomed and encouraged.

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Deadline for information to be  
submitted to editor for the next  
newsletter:

**AUGUST 16, 2005**



**MARK YOUR 2005 CALENDAR**

**MILWAUKEE LUNCHEONS:**

Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**More Groaners**

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France  
would result in Linoleum Blownapart.



A bicycle  
can't stand alone  
because it is two-tired



Acupuncture is a job well done!



## 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 223 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 Bonnie Lenz. 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** (2001, 2002, Life).

## STILL

## WORKING?



## MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENT COMES WITH 20 YEARS

Whether you are yet working at Johnson Controls or are working elsewhere, if you have 20 years employment with JC, you are eligible for membership in the JC Retirement Society.

Send your \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

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