



# 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, January 20, 2011

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

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cash Bar - Lunch - Meeting

Cost: \$12.00

#### Menu Selection

- Tenderloin Tips with Noodles
- Grilled Chicken Breast Salad

#### **Program**

Hybrid Technology and current Johnson  
Controls  
Activities and market assessments

#### **Speaker**

Mary Ann Wright  
Vice President @ Managing  
Director of Johnson Controls

Mary Ann has a very impressive background. Prior to joining Johnson Controls she was Executive Vice President Engineering, Product Development, Commercial and Program Management for Collins and Aikman Corp.

Mary Ann has been recognized by Automotive News as one of the "Leading Women in the Automotive Industry". In 2010 she received a Distinguished Service Citation from the Automotive Hall Of Fame. She was named as one of the "top 50 Women to Watch" by the Wall Street Journal in 2008.

Be sure to send your reservation and menu Selection by Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup> to

Sharlene Wardinski  
3656 South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Milwaukee Wi. 53220  
Phone 414-543-6414

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation

#### October program

*Report by Sharlene Wardinski*

Mr. Jan Constable has been involved with Literacy Services of Wisconsin since 2007. Jan is a Board Member and is chairman of the Literacy Services Programs Committee.

We have all heard the words regarding illiteracy but we were all amazed at the numbers. In Wisconsin one million adults are in need of adult literacy services - only 5% or 50,000 are receiving them.

Nineteen percent or 786,000 citizens over 16 years of age do not have a high school diploma and are not enrolled in school. 70% of Wisconsin inmates function below the level of a high school graduate.

In Milwaukee according to the nonprofit center, 27% of Milwaukee residents (116,000 adults) rank at LEVEL 1 LITERACY- that is, they cannot read.

Thirty-Six percent of immigrants in Milwaukee (41,000) speak little or no English.

Sixteen percent or 96,000 Milwaukee residents do not have a high school diploma.

The mission of Literacy Services of Wisconsin is to provide literacy education to motivated adults through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, the support of the community and the use of specialized curriculum to meet individual and community needs.

If you have at least 3 hours a week you can spare and would like to help out, call 414-344-5878.

The address is 555 N Plankinton Ave.; there is some training involved.



# The President's Page



In the recent new Broadway play, Lombardi, Vince's wife Marie says "What you'll get from him is God, family and the Green Bay Packers. And not necessarily in that order." That may be a little different than most people remember hearing it.

We do get our priorities out of order sometimes, don't we? Growing up in east central Illinois, for me it was God, family and the St. Louis Cardinals, and not always in that order. No one in my family was particularly interested in sports, so I was about 9 years old when I began listening to the Cubs' radio broadcasts with Bert Wilson on WIND Chicago. Shortly thereafter a friend on the school bus convinced me how hopeless the Cubs were and got me to listen to Harry Caray and Gus Mancuso broadcasting the Cardinals games.

There was mix of Cubs, White Sox and Cardinal fans in our area. Sox games were broadcast by Bob Elson on WCFL Chicago. In the barn where we had an old Stewart-Warner radio with a

vernier tuning dial and a long external wire antenna, I could also get St. Louis Browns games with Buddy Blattner and Dizzy Dean and Milwaukee Braves games with Earl Gillespie and Blaine Walsh. It had a couple short wave bands and I occasionally recall hearing what were apparently Spanish broadcasts. I only recognized the names of players. Many hours were spent in the barn listening to games, keeping line scores on the walls and occasionally satisfying my salt craving by grabbing a pinch of salt from the bag of cattle salt.

Since we didn't get a TV until I was about 16, I visualized the games from the broadcasts. Now, the best baseball announcer to enable you to visualize the game is the Cubs' Pat Hughes. I still enjoy listening to games on the radio and visualizing the plays. I got to see my first major league game at Wrigley Field on July 5, 1951. The Cardinals beat the Cubs 10-2. How do I remember it was that day? It's only because I vaguely remember the score, but I remember Cliff Chambers pitched for the Cardinals. With the help of [baseball-reference.com](http://baseball-reference.com) I was able to pinpoint the date and get the box score for the game. Another site, [retrosheet.org](http://retrosheet.org) also has the box score, and for many games, but not this one, provides play-by-play accounts.

The internet is a great source for information that can help us recall the past and so much more. With a couple mouse clicks we can answer questions like "How old is that player?" and "Didn't he used to play for ---?". Also, a person with no knowledge of Broadway plays can find out there is one called "Lombardi."

When I sat down to write this column, my purpose was to write about how changes in technology have affected the way we live, for better or for worse. But then my priorities got out of order and I began writing about baseball. Maybe technology next time.

# **FIELD REPORTS**

## **Dean Ferris**

If you are typical of many seniors (my apologies to those who are not yet seniors) you have become disenchanted with the AARP, and specifically their liberal political views. I dropped out of AARP a few years ago.

AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens) is a new organization in opposition to AARP that is very much conservative in their beliefs and may serve our needs better. Go to their web site ([www.joinamac.us](http://www.joinamac.us)) and check out their views. I joined and I hope that you do also

## **Linda Montalvo – Milwaukee**

Submitted this article from "Carolina Weekly" about her old boss, Doug Decker

A long career in promoting energy efficiency at the national, state and local levels resulted in Pawleys Island resident Douglas Decker being elected to the Energy Efficiency Forum Hall of Fame last year. "It was an honor to be recognized for work that I enjoyed and the Forum's success is based on the contribution of many individuals who understand the importance energy efficiency has to our nation," said Decker. "This has been a team effort and I am pleased to be selected as one of the honorees."

After graduating from the University of Denver with a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering and Business Administration, Decker started a 43-year career with Johnson Controls, a Fortune 100 company, rising to the position of Vice President, Government Affairs, before retiring in 2001.

A registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin and California and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, Decker recognized the need for energy efficiency on a large scale early in his career.

Decker was actively involved with energy issues throughout his career at Johnson Controls. He participated in a number of congressional

hearings, contributed to government studies, and spearheaded legislative and executive initiatives to promote energy efficiency worldwide.

Over 20 years ago, Decker established an annual forum on energy efficiency in which national and international leaders in government and business would come together to share ideas on energy efficient concepts and their implementation.

This was the beginning of the annual Energy Efficiency Forum, co-sponsored by Johnson Controls and the U.S. Energy Association. Decker served as chairman of the forum for its first 12 years until his retirement.

"The Energy Efficiency Forum has continued to advance the national dialog on the future of energy, climate change and economic benefits," said Decker. "This is not rocket science. It is just good, non-partisan government."

Throughout his chairmanship, Decker was able to bring together both Democratic and Republican national political leaders as well as business leaders to participate in the forum and promote the idea of energy efficiency. He was a leader of a legislative initiative in the early 1990's that resulted in getting the federal government to reduce energy use in its facilities by an average of 20 percent.

"Not only is this a real savings of federal dollars, it is also environmentally sensible," Decker said. "If you're not producing and using as much energy, you're not producing as much pollution."

During his career, Decker sent his energy efficiency message worldwide through frequent interviews with the media. He has authored more than 200 articles on energy efficiency issues and is the co-author of the book Policy Evolution: Energy Conservation to Energy Efficiency, The Fairmont Press Inc., 1997. Now in retirement in Pawleys Island, Decker continues to promote energy efficiency. He was recently contacted by Dr. David Wylie of the Georgetown County School District to speak to students at Georgetown High School and help them with a project called 'Igniting Energy Challenge.'

# **FIELD REPORTS**

## **JOHN ENRIGHT – Milwaukee**

Here we are in the blizzard of '47 -- my sister Barbara and me on January 30, 1947. After we had shoveled the driveway and sidewalk, we dug a tunnel in the snow across the front yard. No cars or buses moved. No fire engines left their fire houses for three days. Carol Lomonaco couldn't believe I was alive that long ago.



## **Membership News**

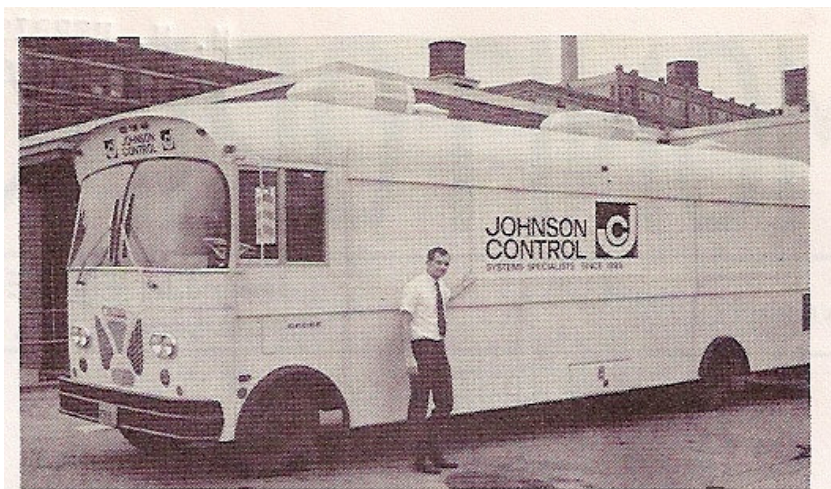
Membership stands at 524, a record for the Society. Credit for all the hard work goes to Treasurer Bonnie Lenz who keeps things straight for all of us.

The WSJSR Membership Committee had a noon-hour recruitment table in the Brengel Cafeteria at a well-known address, 507 E. Michigan Street, Milwaukee. The purpose was to recruit members who are employed by Johnson Controls and have 20 or more years of service. Arrangements for the December 14<sup>th</sup> event were made by Board Member Carol Lomonaco. John Enright observed, after looking over the crowd, "It seems that they're hiring them younger now days."

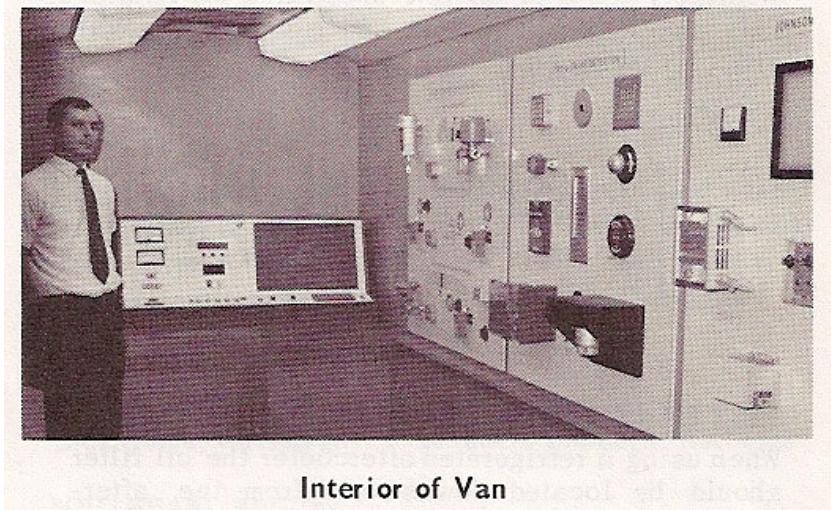


# From the JCI Archives

On **November 30, 1970**, the Johnson Service Company's (Johnson Controls' former name) new Demo-Van took to the road for a cross-country trip to visit all of the company's branches in the United States. The carpeted van was thirty feet long and eight feet wide. It was equipped with a T-6000 control center (which was replaced by the more modern JC/80 system in 1972) as well as a number of other fully operational company products mounted on the walls, including fluidic controls, fire detection systems, security systems, master clock systems, and electric heat controls. The Demo-Van was designed as both a rolling marketing exhibit and as a mobile classroom for training employees. At each stop, customers were invited to examine the product displays, while the local branch could hold instruction sessions for as many as eight employees at a time.



**Ray Woznick and the Mobile Van**



**Interior of Van**

The Johnson Service Company's Demo-Van with Johnson employee Ray Woznick in the top photo; in the bottom photo, Mr. Woznick can be seen inside the Demo-Van with the T-6000 to his rear and other company products mounted on the wall.

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

This Society is dedicated to providing meaningful services to the retirees of Johnson Controls, Inc. 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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*In Remembrance*

**Chuck Browne** passed away November 6<sup>th</sup>. He was the branch manager of the Duluth office for 30 years. Survived by his wife Helen, their three children and families.

**George Maxwell** passed away on November 26<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife Marie, their four children and families. George had a full career with JCI, holding many management positions.

**Former JCI employees you may remember**

Kurt Hoefert	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
Warren Lederman	August 31 <sup>st</sup>
Phil Dobrogowski	October 6 <sup>th</sup>



**From your Treasurer**

**Please** make all checks for membership dues payable to W. S. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc. The bank can not accept checks made out to an individual for deposit in a corporation account.

Thank you, Bonnie Lenz Treasurer.



**JCI Matching Gift Forms**

Visit the Retiree website:  
[www.johnsoncontrols.com/retirees](http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/retirees)

then click on "Company Resources"







## From the archives...

### Construction on Globe-Union's (later, Johnson Controls') corporate headquarters begins, October 22, 1965



An explosion set off by Wisconsin Governor Warren Knowles and Globe-Union President C. O. Wanvig, Jr. (in hard hats) marks the ground-breaking for Globe-Union's new headquarters in [Glendale, WI](#)

Construction of Globe Union's Administrative and Research Center in Glendale, Wisconsin began on **October 22, 1965**. The Center had a rather unorthodox ground breaking ceremony. Soil was loosened by a small explosive charge

planted underground and detonated by energy supplied from a Globe Battery, and released through an electronic switch manufactured by Globe Union's Centralab division. Globe President C. O. Wanvig, Jr. and Wisconsin Governor Warren Knowles simultaneously threw the switches, causing a small explosive charge and sending a fountain of mud into the air. It wasn't just the ground breaking of this new facility that would prove to be novel. Charles H. Harper, the Center's architect and designer, noted that one of the most unusual design elements of the building called for the use of elevated-type floors under which all mechanical and utility services were located. Other unusual features included an iridescent reflecting pool containing 3,000,000 gallons of water to be used for cooling purposes as well as for visual appeal. In addition, Wisconsin Telephone Company officials reported that equipment installed would provide the most advanced communication system in the state, providing the state's "first touch-tone dial system in industry." Johnson Controls merged with Globe-Union in 1978 and moved its corporate headquarters to Globe's headquarters building in 1980.

## 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 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).

## MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENT COMES WITH 20 YEARS

If you are retired from Johnson Controls, or still working there with 20 years of employment, you are eligible for membership in the JC Retirement Society.

Send your \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

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