

# Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees, Inc.

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

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## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2012

### Winter Quarterly Luncheon

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Alioto's

3041 N. Mayfair Road  
(Hwy 100 & Burleigh)

Cash Bar - Lunch – Meeting 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Cost: \$12.00**

#### Menu Selections

- Beef Rouladen
- Orange Roughy

Meal includes salad, potato, vegetable, and chocolate sundae for dessert

#### Program

- 11:00 a.m. Gathering, cash bar  
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served  
1:00 p.m. **“Long Term Retirement Planning - In Today's Markets?”**

*Kristin Guadagno, VP Sr Account Executive, Fidelity Personal Investments and Philip Holahan, VP Regional Planning Consultant, Fidelity Personal Investments*

Our members, in retirement or not yet, have a common interest in long term financial planning to cover our retirement years. The market situation today seems to defy any confidence in long term results. What options do we have?

Kristin and Philip will address market and planning and perhaps give us some new ideas to consider as we face choices for our future.

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**8240 E Wind Lake Rd  
Wind Lake, WI, 53185**

By January 10, 2013

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

### Reunion 2012: Wonderful Day!

By Jude Anders, VP Program

That was the thought left by one of our members at closing. It truly was a wonderful day. The best part was seeing the over 70 members and family who came to share memories and update things that are going on with their lives today.

From the start, we were treated very well, ‘customers for the day’ by Sherrie Williams and her team Eric Thiele and Kari Atkinson. We were greeted at the front door by Kari and escorted to the Showcase for Building Efficiency. That is the customer center located on the top floor of the Bregel Technology Center. Kari graciously fielded questions about her experience at Johnson Controls from all of us on the elevator. We all had lots of questions that morning, and, an open, interested, caring approach was the standard for everyone from the current Johnson Controls team.

In the showcase, over our continental breakfast and coffee, we were treated to tours of the fantastic technology in use today. We learned though that it is not about the technology. It is about the customer and finding solutions to their business challenges and the opportunities provided by Johnson Controls. Sherrie and Eric led the tours explaining the value of this approach and the role that the technology plays. It has been very successful. A solution sale involving the showcase averages \$8.8 million, more than double previous experience!

Dave Myers, President, Building Efficiency next led a discussion of “Johnson Controls Today.” This was great, really a discussion. Dave had the corporate presentation as a base, but he opened his presentation

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to any and all questions. Our group, as you may recall, is not afraid to ask a question. Dave responded to every question with a direct, thoughtful answer. Dave took us through the business units and numbers. And, he added those personal experiences, like describing how one manages an organization operating from 500 branches in 148 countries. He gave good credit to the strength of the Johnson Controls culture and an organization that reflects the local country population, but I am thinking that leadership plays a pretty good role also.

Andrew DeGuire, VP, Strategy, Mergers and Acquisitions continued our learning process with the same open discussion approach on the topic "Johnson Controls - Something Special". Andrew hit a series of winners describing advanced technologies that are currently being developed by Building Efficiency with its customers. Net Zero Energy buildings in particular generated a lively discussion. Ron Waller who saved a few Btu's in his time had a good technical exchange with Andrew - good stuff! I think Ron may want to stage a comeback. The care Andrew put into the discussion, his response to questions, and the preparation time taken from his busy schedule, was appreciated by all.

After lunch we were treated to a review of the Milwaukee art scene, and a lesson in just how to view art. Jonas Karvelis, a tour guide at the Milwaukee Art Museum, gave us an animated

presentation, where to find art in Milwaukee, and an introduction to the show "Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Gainsborough: The Treasures of Kenwood House, London". This is the fellow who took Guinness public. He was looking for respectability through his art collection - lots of money, skipped by Monet in favor of the old masters! Oh, and that self portrait of Rembrandt we see so often reflects a man beaten down over time, out of money, with his head is cocked that way because he needed to look into the mirror to do the painting. Jonas gave us new insight into viewing art and ways to enhance our next visit to the museum.

The reunion continued, dinner with friends at the Italian Community Center. We had good food, good drinks, and music of the big band era from the Wilson Knights. Best of all there was lots of talk with friends and family. Paul Froehling, our president, was host in good form as always. At closing, Paul expressed our shared thought to recognize the tremendous contributions of Sharlene Wardinski over the years, both at work and in retirement. Due to her health condition Sharlene was not able to join us this year - but you can be sure that she was there in the minds of all, wishing her well.

With that, the Reunion 2012 came to a close.

Thanks to all for making it a wonderful day. . .  
. . . Let's do it again in two years . . . .

You are all invited!

# The President's Page

Since the last newsletter, two biennial events have occurred. Election of officers took place at the July luncheon, and the biennial reunion was held on September 29.

Two new board members were "elected" at the July luncheon meeting: Jude Anders and Greg Pascucci. Although they officially joined the board then, both had been contributing prior to that meeting. Jude began assisting Sharlene Wardinski in planning the reunion events. Greg has been notifying existing employees at the 507 facility who qualify for society membership about the quarterly luncheons. We welcome both Jude and Greg and look forward to continuing to work with them. We also thank Kasim Sinnamohideen for his years of service as he leaves the board.

This issue contains much more about the biennial reunion, so only a few comments are included in my column. Several of the board members deserve our thanks for the work they did. Sharlene got the planning started and when her health problems limited her activity, Jude stepped in and did a great job. Treasurer Bonnie Lenz handled all the reservations and paid the bills. Our secretary, Ron Kuta, was the photographer for the event. John Meyer provided the name tags for the banquet. Bonnie, Ron and John also perform those functions for our quarterly luncheons. We also thank Steve Roell for the funding assistance provided by JCI which enables us to bring the reunion events to you at a modest cost.

As I begin my second term as president of the society, I will reiterate some of the things stated two years ago. Being a social organization, we will strive to continue to provide and improve where possible our three major offerings to our members: the newsletter, the quarterly luncheons in Milwaukee, and the biennial reunion.

Recognizing that many members, particularly those living at a distance from Milwaukee, are unable to attend quarterly luncheons and biennial reunions, the newsletter is your primary connection to the society. We believe that most readers look for news about former colleagues, but we can only provide that if you participate. **Please send a few lines or a short article to Erica once in awhile.** Tell us what is happening in your life or relate an interesting story about your days at JCI. The newsletter will also continue to provide JCI historical news from the company archives.

The board will also be discussing ways in which the retirees' website and social media can be used to enhance interest and foster communications among members. We invite, and urge, you to send us your comments and ideas.

## **A Tribute to Sharlene Wardinski**

by Paul Froehling

In my early years at Johnson (it was Johnson Service Company then) working in Product Development for control centers, we had a very exuberant sales force that seemed to be skilled at selling features in our systems which had not yet been developed, or maybe even thought of. Sharlene may not have been able to deliver such products before they were developed, but she did have a way of delivering products to our customers that probably no one else could have.

As a product development engineer, I did not avail myself of her services as much as many others, but she was always so helpful whenever I needed to place a factory order, ship something, check inventory for parts, or check on sales of products we had developed. For many others in the company, including every branch office, she was a frequent contact and helped countless people out of a jam when they needed a part immediately. Furthermore, she was always pleasant even when people experiencing crises may not have been.

Since joining the board of directors as VP-Programming in 2002, she has brought that same level of enthusiastic service to this organization. She has been the one who made the arrangements for the quarterly luncheons and engaged our speakers and entertainment. Until this year, she has done the biggest share of the work in arranging our biennial reunion weekend. Health concerns have made it necessary for her to relinquish her position as VP-Programming, but she has agreed to remain on the board as a director. Her continued contributions will be highly valued.



In appreciation, it pleased the board to honor her at the reunion banquet. Unfortunately Sharlene was not able to be present. All in attendance signed a card for her. Bonnie Lenz and I presented her with the engraved award and card at her home a few days later. The award reads:

*“Sharlene - Thank you for your friendship and all you have done. JCI Retirees”*

**Thank You Sharlene!!!**

# FIELD REPORTS

## From US Sailing Organization:

### Caleb Tarleton - Seattle

#### Sailor of the Week: February 16-22

Caleb Tarleton knows a thing or two about multihull sailing, and he wants to share his passion with all sailors. Caleb got started in multihull sailing in 1973, when he began racing Hobie Cats. His love for multihull racing was passed on to his son and grandson, who are both active Hobie Cat sailors.



“My son Tom crewed on a Hobie 16 at age 12, then took over as skipper when he was 16. He also skippered our Hobie 18 in local and national regattas. I cannot emphasize how important it is for the helm to be handed over to the son or daughter, just as soon as possible. We now have our third generation Hobie sailor, Dan, who is now 16,” explained Caleb.

Caleb is a board member and proud volunteer at Sail Sand Point, a community boating center in Seattle, Wash. Sail Sand Point was recently designated as a sanctioned by US Sailing as a Community Sailing Center for their exemplary training and educational programs, which are consistent with the curriculum standards of the US Sailing Training Department.

The multihull program began in 2002 and 2003 when a national tour organized by US Sailing made a stop in Seattle to introduce people to sailing with Hobie Waves and Windsurfers. Sail Sand Point later adopted this program and continued to introduce hundreds of people to this exciting type of sailing.

“Building and maintaining our multihull program with seven Hobie Waves and six Hobie Cat 16s and integrating them into our classes and fleet of over 70 boats has been my passion,” said Caleb. “The Waves are one of our most popular sailboats in the Open Sailing program.”

Caleb also mentioned that the local Hobie Cat fleet conducts Hobie 101, a class for multihull sailors to help them get started. They also assist in maintaining the Waves and Hobie 16s.

Caleb looks forward to a full slate of races this year. Last year, he finished the season by competing in the Area Qualifier for the US Sailing Multihull Championship.

“All multihull racers should enter their local qualifier,” stated Caleb. “It is a chance to race with the best sailors in your area, and to race with other classes of multihulls.”

“I would encourage everyone to be active in US Sailing and take part in the meetings,” mentions Caleb. “My past eight years on the Multihull Council, and current participation on the Recreation Committee reinforces this position.”

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## Barb Helgesen - Milwaukee

On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the foursome pictured above: Karen Schmid, Bonita Bunker, Pat Pagel and Barb Helgesen were entered in the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Beat Breast Cancer Golf Outing**, at Fairways of Woodside, located in Sussex, Wisconsin

The golf scramble includes: A small lunch of either a brat or burger with a cookie before we started play is offered, golf/cart, and a dinner buffet after golf. The following events with prizes are available too, such as: Booze Barrel Drawing, Hole Events, Poker Run, Silent Auction, Basket Drawings, door prizes & 50/50 Drawing. This year the 'Pink Ball' event was added.

This golf outing was held in memory of Denise Leinss, age 42 and Karen Wilcox, 52, whose lives were taken by breast cancer. When Jim and Colleen Leniss lost their daughter Denise, they knew that her wish was to be an advocate and talk to others about this dread disease. Her parents chose to partner with the Medical College Wisconsin for Research Fund for breast cancer. To date, the cause has raised more than \$238,000 primarily through the golf tournament. Other community ideas were also used to raise money to be included for this cause.

Two of us in our foursome are survivors, namely Karen (15 yrs) and Barb (21 yrs.). We felt that it was a great way to give our support to this dreaded disease. Bonita

is Karen's sister and Pat is Barb's long time friend. We all met at Currie Park years ago and continued our friendships which gave us a good way to not only golf together but to help in this cause. We also contributed in the Silent Auction & Basket Drawings. By the way, our foursome won the Pink Ball prize of \$180 split 4 ways.

If you are interested next year to enter this event, I suggest you contact either of the following: Cassie Grande (414-313-4177) or Cookie Bellmann (1-262-253-2133) for any questions on date, times and/or perhaps if you would like to sponsor a team. The cost is \$125 per golfer or just for the dinner \$30. It is a good way to give to a good cause and enjoy friendships with people who went to join the fight against cancer.



## 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*

*May the families of these co-workers be comforted in their loss, knowing our thoughts are with them ...*

**William (Bill) Morgan** passed away in October at the age of 90 years. He retired in 1986 as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager after 36 years of service to the company. He is survived by his wife Marty, their three children and families.

**Robert Larkin** passed away in September; he was 93. Bob was employed by the company for over 30 years and was the controller of Globe Union Division. He is survived by three daughters and their families.

**Don Ed Self** passed away in June 2011. He worked in the Engineering Department at the Poteau, Oklahoma facility for 35 years.

Welcome to  
First Time Attendee at the July luncheon



Jerry Zimmerman

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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** (2005, 2006, 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 Johnson Controls Retirement Society.

Send your membership fee to:

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