



Warren S. Johnson Society Newsletter  
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### Spring Luncheon

Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Alioto's**

3041 N Mayfair Road

**Cost \$16.00**

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

#### Menu Selections

- Ranch style Swiss steak w/mixed vegetables
- Baked one-half chicken with cranberry sauce
- Tomato stuffed with chicken salad
- Ice cream sundae for dessert

#### Program

### ***An Overview of UWM's School of Freshwater Science***

*The new School of Freshwater Science in Milwaukee is the largest facility of its kind in the world. Our guest speaker, Dr. David Garman, is the Dean of the School.*

*His presentation will highlight the School's research and education initiatives, and the significant revitalization impact the School's new facilities have had on its host city and surrounding community.*

*Dr. Garman holds a Ph D and MSc from the University of Sydney, and a BSc Sp Hons from the University of London.*

#### **Please:**

Make checks payable to: **WSJ Society**  
[please note price is now \$16]

- Mail to: **WSJ Society**  
**P.O. Box 1425**  
**Grafton, WI 53024**  
in time to arrive by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Also, let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation, or call Jude, VP Program at 414.351.1229.**

### January 2015 Luncheon

The middle of January is always a good time to get together with friends. It sort of warms things up a bit. We had two first time attendees to catch up with, Jim Cera and Steve Thomas. It was great to see them again.

As always, discussion was good all around. The noise level in our room at Alioto's is a solid high throughout the gathering and lunch. I find that particularly satisfying, a measure of enjoyment by the members who come to share their experiences.

After lunch, our good friend Karen Sommer, Director, Global Public Affairs at Johnson Controls reviewed the activities and strategies for "Corporate Sustainability at Johnson Controls." You might remember that Karen led the project to create our website, WSJSociety.com.

Karen talked about the strategies in place to align environmental, social, and governance responsibilities with economic priorities at Johnson Controls. Aspects of environmental sustainability include energy, water, waste and greenhouse gases. The results achieved both internally and with customers are fantastic and well recognized in the industry.

The social aspects of sustainability are Karen's current focus. Supply chain diversity and employee contribution of time, talent and treasure to their communities are included here. Blue Sky Involve projects have contributed almost 1 billion volunteer hours since 2006; and, 1,400 applications in 2014 resulted in 1,000 projects around the globe. That's impact for good!

More information is available at the website:

**[JohnsonControls.com/Sustainability](http://JohnsonControls.com/Sustainability)**

Thanks Karen for sharing this with us. Keep up the good work.

Submitted by: Jude Anders VP Communications



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### R.I.P. – Norm

The nature of our Retirees Society is that unless one of us chooses to leave the Society for other interests, we will eventually be saying “Good Bye” as we do at this time to Norm Janisse. He passed away Dec. 14, 2014. While this position cannot do so for everyone, I feel the need to say “Farewell” to Norm since he is the one who hired me, and more than a few others, into Johnson Service Company. He was the Voice of the Field Offices to the factory and engineering departments for all the years that he ran Field Engineering in Milwaukee. I suspect that most of those presently in our Society, that spent any time in a Field Office or a technical role, had occasion to work with Norm. He and Sharlene Wardinski (who we bid farewell about 2 year ago) were high on the list of “Go To” names when the Field was in a product bind and needed help. He and his team knew we worked for that Field organization and would do whatever it took to make things right for the Branch Office and the JCI customer they served. It is that dedication that got Norm one of the early Chairman’s Awards in 1985.



Norm Janisse,  
Field Engineering,  
Milwaukee  
*Special Chairman's Award*



#### Continuing Awards Program Honors Excellence

The Engineer and Mentor in Norm was not limited to Johnson Controls. He was very active in ASHRAE as well, both locally and nationally. In the Energy Crisis of the 1970's there were numerous times he was quoted in the press, on topics of how better control could save energy, as our company evolved into the energy conservation leader that we are today. There were still a couple individuals at this year's Chicago ASHRAE meeting that knew Norm, had worked with him, and were saddened by his passing.

Norm was also one of the first directors of our Warren S. Johnson Society of Retirees 25 years ago. He and his wife Carolyn were regular attendees at our luncheons and reunions. Those of us in Milwaukee were lucky to enjoy his love of people and a good social setting, for many recent years.

So every time I turned a corner I'd find out “Norm's already been here!” Now it's time to raise a glass of Scotch (which vice I also inherited from Norm) in his memory, and recall your favorite Norm story. I'm sure many of you have one or more. I'll miss him.

*Gene Strehlow PE*  
*Mgr. Field Engineering, ASHRAE Life Member, WSJ Society of Retirees President*

# The Gallery

## From the January Luncheon

First Time Luncheon attendees:



Jim Cera



Steve Thomas



Luncheon Speaker, Karen Sommer



## Vision/Forward

February, 2015

The WSJ Society is a social group of people who share career experience at Johnson Controls. We have over 530 members and benefit from a very good relationship with Johnson Controls. The society has been in existence for 25 years. At this time the society is exploring opportunities. Let's call it Vision/Forward, an exploration into what's possible.

There are many 'corporate alumni networks.' One source noted that LinkedIn hosts over 118,000, but most of those have little or no relationship with the company. There are other sites with a different view. The Intel Retiree Organization has "sharing, caring, connecting" as its vision; Microsoft Alumni Net has "connect, share, succeed – support our growing community in all its personal, professional, and philanthropic endeavors."

There's quite a spectrum of models. Our best path? That depends upon you. Let's start with what your experiences:

As a Member, in your view:

- What has the society done well?
- When were you most proud?
- What do you value most?

Please send me your response.

(use the Help link on [WSJSociety.com](http://WSJSociety.com), or email [jra4128@gmail.com](mailto:jra4128@gmail.com), or phone (414) 351-1229).

Check [WSJSociety.com](http://WSJSociety.com) for updates on our progress.

Thanks for sharing your views,  
Jude Anders  
Editor [WSJSociety.com](http://WSJSociety.com)

## People We Know

### Ken Voss – Milwaukee

Johnson Controls and the Voss family have been together for a long time. How about 100 years plus and counting?

WSJ Society member Ken Voss drew up the charter for the society 25 years ago. He recently found the invoice below among the things his family has collected over the years. It's an invoice from the Johnson Service Company #50154, issued in Milwaukee, Wis on **August 26, 1914**, 'Sold To: Mr. Peter Voss, Emp.' The item was the "Use of Seven Passenger Car without driver, for 4 Hours @ \$1.00 per hour, 9 Gallons Gasoline at \$0.15 per gallon, and 2 Quarts Engine Oil at \$0.08 per quart. The total sale was \$5.51.

Well, Peter Voss was Warren Johnson's driver at the time. And, one of the offerings of the Johnson Service Company then was "Johnson Automobiles, Pleasure Cars and Auto Trucks." Apparently this invoice documented the use for 4 hours of one of those "Pleasure Cars" to drive Mr. Johnson to some appointment . . . on business of course!

The \$0.15 per gallon of gasoline creates a bit of nostalgia, as does the \$0.08 per quart of oil. But, did the Johnson Pleasure Car really require 2 quarts of oil for every 4 hours of operation? That seems to be the odd number out here.

Thanks Ken for sharing this bit of family history with us.

1887 INVS

**JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY**  
CORNER MICHIGAN AND JEFFERSON STREETS

OUR ORDER NO. 50154  
YOUR ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
TERMS NET CASH

JOHNSON SYSTEM OF TEMPERATURE REGULATION  
JOHNSON AUTOMOBILES, PLEASURE CARS AND AUTO TRUCKS  
EQUIPMENT FOR CONTROLLING HUMIDITY OF ROOMS  
JOHNSON'S HEATING SYSTEMS FOR STEAM, WATER, AIR AND GAS  
PRESSURE COVERS, THERMOMETERS, BAROMETERS,  
JOHNSON WELAN, ELECTRIC OR HYDRAULIC AIR COMPRESSORS

MILWAUKEE, WIS., 8-26-14. 191

**SOLD TO Mr. Peter Voss, Emp.,**  
City.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
8-24-14.				
4	Use of Seven Passenger Car without driver, Hours,	1.00	4.00	
9	Gallons Gasoline,	.15	1.35	
2	Qts Engine Oil,	.08	.16	
			5.51	

RECEIVED  
AUG 28 1914  
J. Johnson & Co.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### U.S. Post Office renews mail delivery contract with Johnson Service Company February 7, 1911

The Johnson Service Company (Johnson Controls former name) responded to an advertisement issued by the United States Postmaster General, dated **February 7, 1911**, that solicited offers to continue a motorized mail service for the U. S. Post Office in Milwaukee.

Johnson's fleet of postal trucks had already proven itself, as one of the pioneers of motorized mail delivery, having carried the mails in the Milwaukee area for four years (from 1907 to 1911). Johnson had been making a variety of trucks and other automobiles since 1901.

The mail trucks were specially designed as miniature post offices on wheels with an upper deck that allowed room for the mail carrier to stand up at the rear of the truck and gather letters from mailboxes. Each truck weighed 3100 pounds and could travel at a maximum speed of 35 mph.

The Johnson Service Company was awarded the contract to carry the mail for a second four-year term, beginning on July 1, 1911 and ending on June 30, 1915. The total contract value for that four year period was \$36,000. Although Johnson discontinued its auto and truck business in 1912, the contract with the Postal Service was carried out nonetheless.



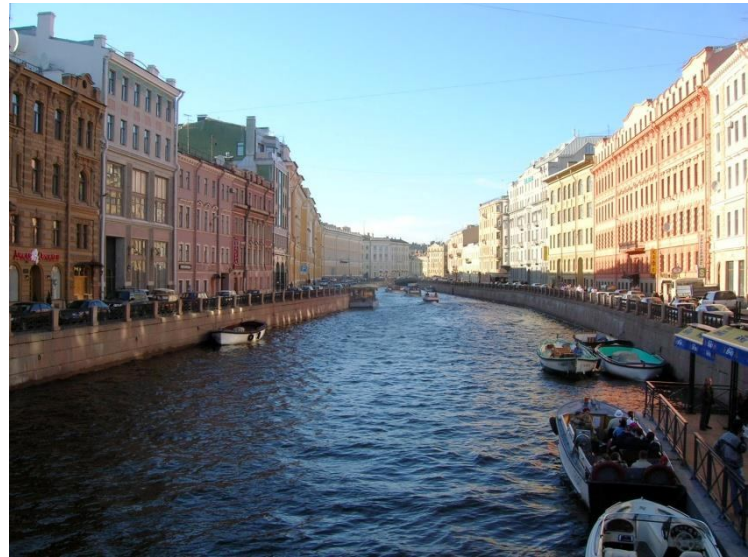
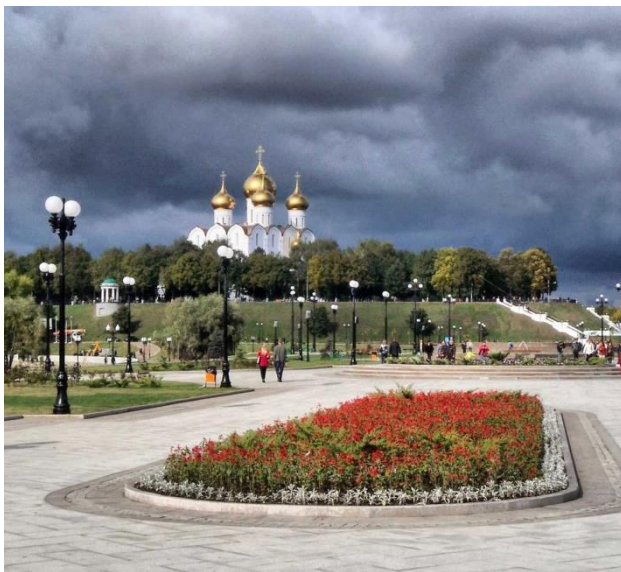
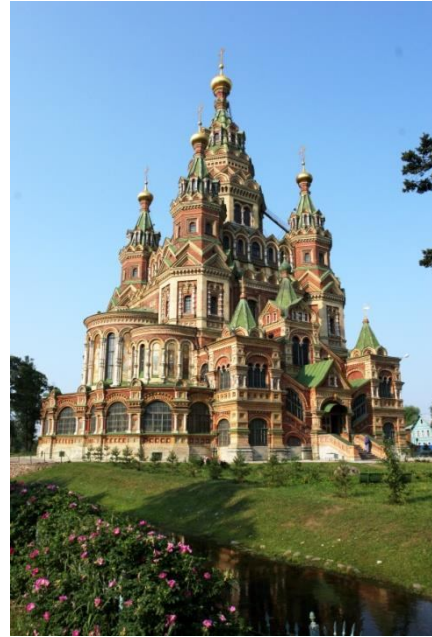
Postal Lineup



## PEOPLE WE KNOW

### Ron Williams – Milwaukee

In May of 2014, Pat and I spent a couple of weeks in Russia on a St. Petersburg to Moscow river cruise. Thanks to free enterprise many of the changes since my last visit there twenty years ago and the 1991 break-up of the old Soviet Union have been dramatic. One of the first things that strikes a visitor is how “normal” everything seems. Shopping centers, supermarkets and people simply going about the business of making a living and enjoying life with their families. One might note that opening a restaurant must be fairly simple since we saw an incredible number of restaurants particularly in St. Petersburg and Moscow. A revelation between these two cities was the small city of Yaroslavl. This small city on the Volga is as lovely as one might see anywhere in the world. A picture of one of its parks is included. Another revelation was the center of Moscow with the Kremlin, immaculate with all the beautiful old architecture at least restored on the outside. Moscow can best be described as exciting with world class traffic jams and insane drivers.



## 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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## In Remembrance

**Norm Janisse** passed away on December 14 at the age of 90 years. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his 4 children and their families. He worked for JCI for more than 40 years. Many of you could tell stories of what Norm meant to you in your career at Johnson Controls, professionally and personally.

**Annie Elwell** passed away on December 13. Survived by her husband Earl. They have been regular attendees at the quarterly luncheons.

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This is a fund raising event open to all **Johnson Controls employees, retirees and contractors**. Here's an opportunity to do some good while having some fun. Big Brothers Big Sisters certainly does some fantastic work in our community. Check [WSJSociety.com/News](http://WSJSociety.com/News) for the story with detailed information.

**Note:** Registration for this event is required by March 6<sup>th</sup>. The timing of the Newsletter mailing may be too late to register, but you might be interested in attending or supporting a team financially before the event on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Check [WSJSociety.com/News](http://WSJSociety.com/News) for the story with detailed information and links.

In any case, in the future, look for notice of events like these on [WSJSociety.com/News](http://WSJSociety.com/News)

Working with current employees to do some good is a great opportunity.

**BOWL**  
FOR KIDS' SAKE

**Date:** Saturday, March 21

**Place:** AMF West Lanes

**Time:** 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

**Who:** Teams of 4

**Cost:** \$15 per person\*

**\*The first 25 bowlers who raise at least \$100 bowl for FREE!**

7505 W Oklahoma Avenue; Milwaukee

# 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 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 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 our treasurer, Brian Bould. The address is listed inside this newsletter.

