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Summer Luncheon

Thursday, July 16, 2015

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3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$16.00

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

- Roast Sirloin of Beef w/ brown gravy and potato
- Chicken Parmesan, side of mostaccioli
- Seasonal Salad with grilled chicken breast
- Sherbet for dessert

Program

The Grohmann Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive art collection dedicated to the evolution of human work. It is named in honor of Dr. Eckhart Grohmann, an MSOE Regent, Milwaukee businessman and avid art collector who donated his "Man at Work" art collection to MSOE in 2001 and subsequently the funds to purchase, renovate and operate the museum that bears his name. It is located on the MSOE campus.

Our Speaker will be James Kieselburg, Director of the Museum, who will present an overview of the Museum, its collections and exhibitions. With advanced degrees in Anthropology and Museology, he has spent the past 20+ years at the Museums of Beloit College, UW-Milwaukee, Marquette University and MSOE. He is the curator of several recent exhibitions including Bridges: The Spans of North America, A Working Ranch by Jim Brozek and The Art of the Milwaukee Road. He has also published books, essays and articles for the Grohmann Museum, the Center for Railroad Photography and Art, and the Society for Industrial Archeology, for which he serves as President of the SE Wisconsin Chapter.

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 July 6th

Also, let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation, or call Janice Peters, Co-VP Program at 414.412.0200

April 2015 Luncheon

WOW! The UWM School of Freshwater Science is something else.

At our Spring Luncheon, Dr David Garmon, Dean of the School took us through a quick tour of the work going on at the school, the advanced technology being developed, and the impact on the Great Lakes, business and quality of life, local and global.

There are multiple centers of work at the school:

- Genomics Center – study of environmental and human health
- Aquaculture Center – among others, sturgeon and yellow perch production
- Center for Water Policy – address regional, national, and international issues.



Dr. David Garmon

The school is fully engaged with local industry and government through the Water Council and Global Water Center. This is a world-class research center available to researchers, students and business. Check out their website for more information. There are links in the story posted to WSJSociety.com/News. This is some place!

On top of all of that, we had three first timers, Mary Kaczmarek, Cindy Skavlem, and Bill Taylor. It was great to see them again. Come and join them at the Summer Luncheon.

Submitted by: Jude Anders VP Communications



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ASHRAE is calling me back!

For those of you who were technically inclined toward the HVAC industry, I'm sure you will recall that ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigeration and AirConditioning Engineers) is the primary industry association in that industry. Since ASHRAE had their annual show and technical/business meeting in Chicago this past January, I took the time to take the train down there for a few days. I guess old habits are hard to break. It's a glitzy gathering of 50,000 of our closest industry associates. It completely fills McCormick Place on Chicago's lake front with wall to wall HVAC'ers of all flavors and ages. I was happy to see that Johnson Controls had come back with a booth at this show. Our prior employer had been a bit irregular on the show floor for quite a few of the recent years. There is a consistently growing international flavor to the show, both from attendees and those showing products. The world is definitely shrinking.

There are really two distinctly different groups of attendees at a gathering like this one. While the show at McCormick Place draws the largest attendance of sales and vendor folks, the ASHRAE society and technical meeting is also held concurrently with the January show. It draws about 2500 members to a local conference center (the Palmer House Hilton) to conduct the ongoing business of running a society of this size. There is not much mixing of these two groups, primarily due to time commitments. This ASHRAE crowd is mostly engineers. My gray hair and PE registration are much more the norm in that crowd. By now you may be asking (like others did to me in Chicago) "Why are you here - now that you don't HAVE to attend?" It is a way to stay connected to the profession and industry in which I and many of you reading this newsletter spent most, or all, of our career. If you have been in ASHRAE long enough to qualify as a Life Member (a life sentence) you receive a break on the attendance fee. I also had to get the Chapter 2 of the 2016 Handbook approved for publication, as part of one of the technical committees I'm on. The evening train ride from Chicago to Milwaukee is also like a reunion of present and past JCI folks. Not all those attending prior Johnson folks are from Milwaukee, Verle Williams from California and Warren Hahn from Florida are common attendees as well.

At our WSJ Society of Retirees reunion, one of the repeated concerns was, how to stay connected to your profession and fellow associates once you leave the active work life? I offer this as an example of a way to do so. If involvement at the National level is not for you, the local chapters are always looking for folks. While ASHRAE may apply to all, there are certainly other options.

Gene Strehlow

The Gallery

First Time Luncheon attendees:



Mary Kazmarek, Cindy Skavlem, Bill Taylor

Earth Day Event



JCI Team on site and working hard!



Mid day and the work is done!



Kletzsch Park is ready for summer fun!

Vision/Forward #1 Response

June, 2015

Responses received to the request for your thoughts as posted online and in the last issue of the Newsletter included the following:

- **What has the society done well?** – Here's how Dave Bigler put it: "You have kept us informed about the comings and goings of most of our group. I know it is tough to get people to send news to you or Erica but keep on trying. It is very interesting for me to read of who is doing what. I might like to see a bit more news of how JCI is doing. I get some of it from retirees and the news publications but I suspect that many of the group don't have that kind of network."
- **When were you most proud?** Dave and Lou Davit mentioned personal and team accomplishments in their careers at Johnson Controls as a source of pride, the ability to get things done. That feeling of pride continues with the achievements of current employees.
- **What do you value most?** Responses here were varied. Lasting friendships developed over careers were mentioned as was access to resources to prepare for a rewarding retirement.

That's it so far, 'continued connection', 'accomplishment', 'personal relationships', and 'resources'. A good start, I think, but we would like to hear from more members to help us set a direction forward for the WSJ Society. What do you think?

Please send your response. Use the Help link on WSJSociety.com, or email jra4128@gmail.com, or give me a call at (414) 351-1229. Also, check WSJSociety.com for updates on our progress.

Thanks for sharing your views,
Jude Anders - Editor WSJSociety.com

Ken Jones – Battery Division

I retired from the Battery Division in 1994 and have been reading about all the Controls Division's retirees' activities. Though I am 80, I'm not finished and these are some of the things I've been doing.

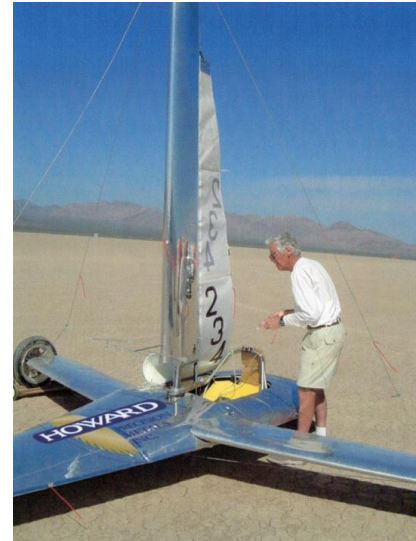
Upon retirement, my wife Lee and I built a home in Door County. We did all the work ourselves, from surveying, plotting and excavating the land, removing 60-ft. high trees, to setting the forms and pouring the footings. We erected the walls, set the oak post and beam frame, and did all of the other work associated with designing and building our home. The house has in-floor heating, oak flooring, moldings, tiles, 2 stone natural fireplaces, and a 4-car garage. We spent 6 years working full time, I worked through the winters.

So now we have a 3500 sq. ft. 2-story home that is 200 feet above the water of Green Bay in Fish Creek, WI.

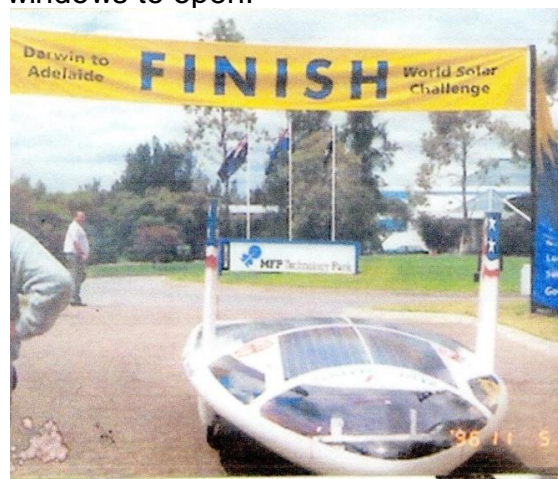


When that was finished, I took up the sport of Land Yachting and raced what amounts to be an ice boat on wheels. This is done in the desert 40 miles south of Las Vegas. I did this for 10 years and retired from it in 2002 when I won the World Championship in 1 of the 7 classes. I built a custom design out of aluminum sheets and titanium tubing. I had a 40ft RV to stay in while at the races because we were out in the middle of the Ephemeral lake bed. Depending on the wind conditions

we could go as fast as 100mph. One of our members set a land speed record of 116mph but shortly after that, a sailor came from England and sailed 134 mph.



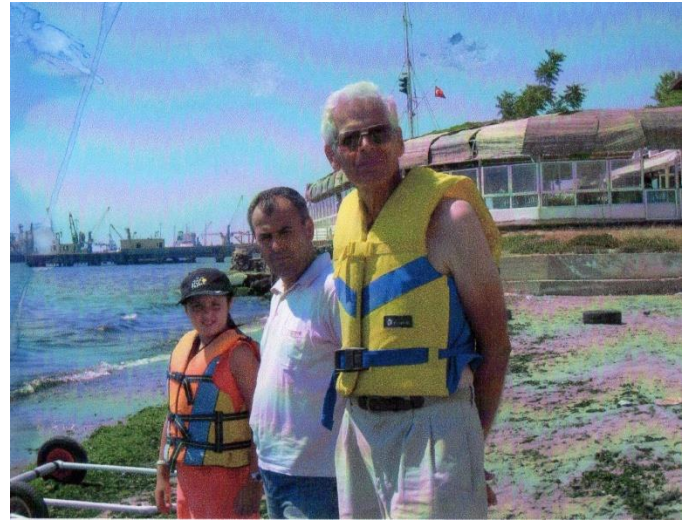
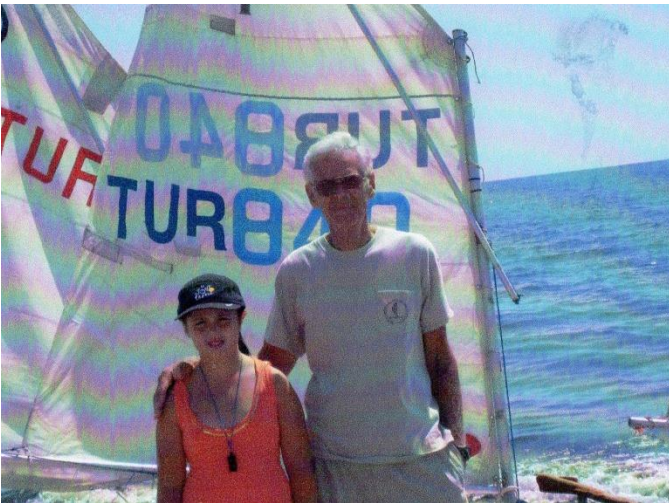
While racing in the desert, I was approached by a gentleman who invites me to help him with a solar powered car to race in Australia. It was his idea that we could beat Honda because the rules allow enough room for some moveable sails, like rudders on a plane. Like the land yacht, we were able to travel 60 mph in a strong wind. After 4 days in the outback and 1800 miles, we finished 22nd and Honda beat us by a day. The race was from Darwin to Adelaide. I might add, we had some Johnson Controls batteries to support the car when the clouds came out. But there as NO AC or windows to open!



After that, my son and I went to France to ride in the Tour de France as amateurs through the alpine mountains. They made us leave 4 hours before the pros started because after all the 210 famous riders go by, thousands of spectators go home and it isn't safe to be on a bike if their man lost!



Following that, my wife met me in Italy and we visited Venice and Rome. To finish the trip we went to Turkey and visited friends. Their 9 year old daughter was taking sailing lessons and asked me to come and meet their club. The instructor loaned me his boat and I went out with the fleet. This was in the Sea of Bosporus.



After my son and I came home we rode in the 100 mile event in Door County and then on to Oregon to do a 457 mile event. The Tour de France riders average 25 mph for the 100 mile race, each of the 20 days. My son, who is 53, can average about 20 mph for the 100 miles, nonstop. I do about 17 mph to the end our driveway, and then rest at the mailbox!



For those of you old Controls fogies, the challenge is down! We can race for a free battery or air conditioner. The score will be proportioned by speed, distance and age. I won't ride with anyone that is not certified in CPR and has a working cell phone.

Oh and did I mention – I'm building my second airplane!

*Ken Jones
Manager, Nickel Hydrogen Technology*

2015 Building Efficiency Golf Outing

Registration is now open – And, Retirees are invited!

Here's the detail:

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2015
Time: 8 AM Shotgun Start
Location: Silver Spring Golf Club-
Menomonee Falls, WI
Who: Employees, retirees, family, and
friends – open to all business units

What's Included:

Breakfast, 18 holes, cart, drink ticket, raffle ticket, golf polo, sleeve of golf balls and lunch

Cost: \$70 for employees & retirees;
\$75 for non-employees

Registration:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015BEGolf>

Deadline:

Team registration checks due by July 15.

The outing is set up for teams of four with a captain who will serve as the communication link to each team. Teams can register for 'competitive' or 'recreational' flights depending on which side of par you expect your team to perform.

How about that? It sounds like a great time. If you would like to join a team or need someone to fill your team, let me know (jra4128@gmail.com) and we can try to make a connection via WSJSociety.com.

Thanks to Megan Strock and the HR Team at Building Efficiency for including retirees in this event.

Blue Sky Involve Milwaukee: Project #1

It was Earth Day, April 22, 2015. Tools were set out. Johnson Controls was on site. Tasks were set, teams formed, and then, to work. By mid-day, the work was done. Three Milwaukee County Parks, Kletzsch, Pere Marquette and McCarty, were ready for summer fun, another successful project by Johnson Controls.

This was the very first Blue Sky Involve Project in the Milwaukee area. The Corporate Sustainability Team had another success on their hands. There were 130 volunteers at work in the parks, employees and retirees. That's right, we were invited to participate. I worked with the team at Kletzsch Park. It was a great experience, good work, good fun, and a good contribution to the local community.

Also, check WSJSociety.com/News for future Blue Sky Involve Project Alerts. Karen Sommer will be keeping us informed of opportunities as projects are formed. This is a great way to stay engaged in your community. As you all know, the Johnson Controls team knows how to get a job done, and done well. That pride in accomplishment can continue with retirees and current employees collaborating on Blue Sky Involve Projects in their local communities.

Better yet, if you would like to receive notice of these opportunities directly via email, please let me know. Just send me a note via email (jra4128@gmail.com) and I'll set it up.

Even better, if you would like to take a lead on notifying interested members of opportunities to contribute, please let me know that (call 414.351.1229 or email jra4128@gmail.com). I can help you get started. You'll be able to make a great contribution from wherever you and your computer happen to be.

Photos: in the Gallery on Pg 3

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. This Newsletter is published quarterly to contribute to those goals. Member stories and ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

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In Remembrance

Barbara Ostrowski passed away on May 1, 2015. She worked for the Milwaukee Branch office for many years. Survived by a sister and a brother.

Jim Hamann passed away on March 3, 2015. He ran one of the test labs in Milwaukee and retired in 1985 to northern Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife Kathy.

Jean Hartmann passed away on March 4, 2015. She worked in the Credit Department in Milwaukee for 34 years. She is survived by her daughter Shari and her family.

Alois Mozejewski passed away on March 26, 2015. He retired in 1990. He is survived by his wife Norma, their children and families.

Lilly Ranganath passed away on May 29th. She was the loving wife of Bill Ranganath, manager at McAllen/Reynosa.

Earl Elwell passed away on May 4, 2015. He was a draft engineer in Milwaukee for 35 years. His wife Annie predeceased him.

Although not members of the WSJ Society, these retirees passed away recently:

Caroline Glennon, retiree from the Battery Division, passed away on March 28th.

Donald Hurley, retired supervisor of foundry operations, passed away May 21st.

Richard G. Fisher, retired electrician for the Battery Division, passed away May 23rd.

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 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.

