

Warren S. Johnson Society Newsletter  
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**Autumn 2017 Luncheon**  
Thursday, October 19, 2017  
**Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road**  
**Cost \$16.00**

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

**Menu Selections**

- **Baked Stuffed Pork Chop, Brown Gravy, Applesauce**
- **Baked One-Half Chicken, Cranberry Sauce**  
*(entrees served with salad, choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)*
- **Tomato stuffed with tuna salad**  
*(salads served with soup or fruit cup, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)*
- **Dessert – Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae**

**Program**

**Johnson Controls Corporate Sustainability**

<http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/corporate-sustainability/social>

Our Guest Speaker will be  
**Gil R. Cubia,**

**Director, Global Community Involvement & Engagement**

The presentation will cover three of the programs under the Corporate Sustainability umbrella:

- **Safe & Smart Matching Gift Program** matches (one for one) personal contributions in the name of the employee at a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$3,000 per individual, per year, to U.S. educational institutions, U.S. arts and cultural organizations, and U.S. civic organizations.
- **Blue Sky Involve** encourages Johnson Controls employees to form volunteer groups that work with local non-profits or schools to support the arts, education, environment, health, and social service.
- **STEM Leadership** provides opportunities for experiential learning and mentorship to help young students develop the skills that will enable them to be successful in the future (think robotics).

**Please:**

Make checks payable to: **WSJ Society**

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**P.O. Box 1425**

**Grafton, WI 53024** in time to arrive by October 10th.

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

**From a railroad to  
aboard ship on the Denis Sullivan...**

At the Spring luncheon in April we were introduced to the East Troy Railroad. Members participating in the Summer luncheon in July were treated to the behind-the-scenes story of Milwaukee's own tall ship, the sailing vessel Denis Sullivan, the world's only re-creation of a 19<sup>th</sup> century three-masted great lakes schooner – we're traveling!

Jennifer Clearwater, Director of Philanthropy, and Kelly Christman, Volunteer and Training Manager provided the story of the Denis Sullivan from construction through its role today at Discovery World engaging our community in the Great Lakes. As they made their presentation, the Denis Sullivan was in Quebec, Canada extending that role to the entire Great Lakes community.

Not a passive relic, the Denis Sullivan is here to actively engage the community. It and the Kohl's Design IT! Labs are listed as "Experiences" available at Discovery World. Public Sails are offered along with Professional & Private Charters and, for educators, there are On-board Educational Programs.



Janice Peters, Kelly Christman, Jim Pasterczyk, Gene Strehlow, Jennifer Clearwater

Did you catch the position titles of Jennifer and Kelly?

There are opportunities here to contribute. Lou Davit was on hand at the luncheon to tell about his volunteer experience with the original construction – by professional shipwrights and almost 1,000 volunteers. This was a community project from the start. Does that sound interesting to you? Check it out at the Discovery World website:

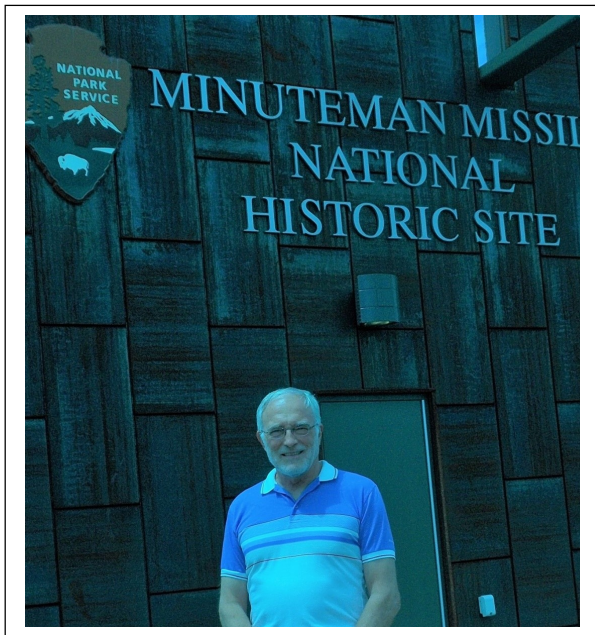
<https://www.discoveryworld.org>.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Remember the Cold War?

How many of you fellow Johnsonites recall our involvement in the Minuteman Missile silos? We provided the temperature regulation for both the silos, where the missiles stood ready, and the underground Launch Control Centers. The inherent explosion-proof nature and durability of our pneumatic controls were important qualities for this application. My JCI tenure doesn't quite go back to the original construction of these facilities in the 1960's, but I was very involved in an early 1980's upgrade (still pneumatic). I'm sure our fellow retiree Doug Decker recalls that period, since he was coordinating that part of our government contracting when I was providing the engineering support. Meetings with rooms full of subcontractors and mountains of paperwork to document everything led me to understand how the government pays 100+ times more for an item than you or I would. I don't recall Doug ever "sitting" through a whole meeting.



We took a family trip to the Black Hills this summer, and I-90 passes right by this site dedicated to this Cold War period. Even if you were not involved with providing JCI's controls for these sites, you may recall the Civil Defense drills in school or the bomb shelters. These and the tensions of that period are well portrayed in this historic site. You can also tour a Launch Control Center, and look down a missile silo with a missile in place. I was amazed that you can watch the I-90 traffic wiz by within 1/2 mile, through only a chain link fence, while looking down at what once was a weapon of mass destruction capable of turning a major city into a wasteland! I've travelled that road several times while this and other sites were active and never realized how close they were.

Praying we don't go back to those days.

Gene Strehlow

# People We Know

## Back To School with JCI

Johnson Controls and SAE co-sponsor a program with Atwater and Lake Bluff Elementary Schools in Shorewood, and Kluge Elementary school in Milwaukee, mentoring their 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in a hands-on learning program. The program involves teamwork and brainstorming and is called “Forces in Motion”, part of the overall group name of “A World In Motion (AWIM).

There are 16 JCI employees assisting the children in teams of four to build “Jet Toy Cars”: balloon-powered cars made from vinyl tubing, straws, a balloon, rubber bands and a platform. Johnson Controls is providing all the materials. The young students get thinking about the power of wind and the resistance of friction and let their imaginations go wild. The kids are excited and the mentors ‘let them go with it’.

Mentors work with the students once a week for five weeks during school hours in January and February. After five weeks of building, that includes competitive time and distance races, everyone wins! Competition among schools takes place in April. (It reminds me of the Pine Derby Races we had in Indian Guides – a pre Boy Scout Program.)

An organizer of this grade school “Forces in Motion” program told me that retirees are warmly invited to join with our JCI mentors. The JCI contact is: <[Andrew.Sovol@jci.com](mailto:Andrew.Sovol@jci.com)> 414-524-3389.

**-Lou Davit**

## REUNION 2018

Our Program Team, Jim Pasterczyk and Janice Peters, are in planning mode! They are looking for new ideas for **Reunion 2018**. They want to offer an event that you will enjoy – so please send them your thoughts.

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Lapel pins over the years.



Recent retiree, **Anne Kumor**, provided this photo of her collection of JCI lapel pins. Subtle color and texture changes within the same general logo. Thanks for sharing this!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Company president Warren Johnson pushes for a new automobile company, June 10, 1907

Johnson Controls' founder Warren S. Johnson called a special meeting of the company's board of directors on June 10, 1907. The meeting minutes, which recorded discussions about both the company's temperature regulation and automobile businesses, noted that Johnson spoke at length about the latter. Specifically, Johnson recommended that a new company of sufficient capital be organized to handle the automotive portion of the business which, by this time, Johnson felt had reached a production level that warranted forming a separate company. Although a committee of board members was created to investigate the idea, a separate automobile company was never formed. The company had been making vehicles of many types since 1901. However, the automobile business always remained ancillary to the company's temperature controls business. The company's board minutes reveal that Johnson often was frustrated with the other board members' lack of enthusiasm for the automobile business. Johnson would spend his final years personally promoting the company's automobiles, especially on the U. S. West Coast. After his death in December 1911, the new company president Harry Ellis sold off the automotive business to concentrate on the core business of temperature regulation systems.



Cover from a Johnson Service Company "Pleasure Motor Car" brochure, circa 1910

## 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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## From WSJSociety.com

- Several members reported that they had a great time at the Golf Outing. Check the website [Photo Gallery](#) for pictures that seem to verify that fact.
- While elections for the Board are next year, new members are invited at anytime.

Anne Kumor attended the luncheon for the first time. Welcome Anne



# 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 10 YEARS

If you are retired from Johnson Controls or still working there with 10 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.

