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Winter Luncheon

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road

Cost \$17.00 – NOTE PRICE CHANGE

11:00 Gather–11:45 Lunch–1:00 Program

Menu Selections

(Entrees are served with salad and choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk)

- Sliced Roast Pork, Homemade Bread Dressing, and Gravy
- Chicken Parmesan, side of mostaccioli
- Seasonal Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast (Soup is included with the salad choice)
- Strawberry sundae for dessert

Program

Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Speakers: Jess Shake & Brent Hazelton

Milwaukee Repertory Theater’s Associate Artistic Director & Director of New Play Development, Brent Hazelton, will be discussing the artistic collaboration that the theater uses to choose their season productions and will highlight some new plays in the works.

Jess Shake, Milwaukee Rep’s Groups Sales Manager, will also be on hand to talk about some future opportunities to engage with The Rep. QA to follow.



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in time to arrive by January 10th.

Also, let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation, or call Jim Pasterczyk, Co-VP Program at 414-764-8609.

Summer ... Time for Opera!

We had music at the Summer Luncheon! Puccini at Alioto’s Restaurant -- that seems to fit doesn’t it?

The billing for our speaker was stated as: John Stumpf, Education and Community Engagement Manager who would ...

“... provide an overview of the upcoming season, as well as information on Colectivo at the Lake and the Opera Insights and Talk Opera program offered at various community venues throughout the year. We may also be treated to an Aria or two performed by Florentine Artists.”

Well, John did that very well. Then he introduced the artists and they began to sing. It was great! Our Florentine Opera Company is the 6th oldest fully professional performing arts organization in the United States. They know how to entertain. Everyone present enjoyed the performance. Thanks to John and all of the artists.



You might want to check out their program and get in on a performance or two. The Florentine is one of those organizations that makes the quality of life in Milwaukee something special. Maybe I should change that title to “Any ... Time for Opera”!

Our Program Committee – Janice Peters and Jim Pasterczyk did it again, a hit, maybe a bit understated in the billing. They clearly over performed in the delivery. Our thanks to Jim and Janice.

Submitted by
 Jude Anders, Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gene Strehlow

A Good Time Was Had by All

The 2018 reunion of our Society came together very well and appeared enjoyable to all those attending. As always the JCI Corporate Headquarters in Glendale WI proved to be an excellent location on a beautiful fall day. The Amenities Room provided a great naturally lit space for socializing with others not seen lately, as we enjoyed morning beverages and snacks before the program, as well as after the pasta buffet lunch.

After a brief overview of the status of our 500 member, WSJ Society (Newsletter, Finances, and Website) by Jude Anders and me, we heard from our sponsor Don Albinger. He gave us quite a bit of insight into how the work world, both inside JCI and our buildings industry, has changed from what we as retiree's experienced. A session of Q&A allowed everyone to better understand those changes. The pace of change and the breath of new competitors made most of us glad to be on our side of the retirement hurdle. So we offered Don a hearty welcome to come join us on our side.

He also gave a presentation on the new GLAS see through thermostat that you can remotely manage from a smartphone or talk to it directly with your voice. It learns your occupancy pattern and can have your space comfortable on arrival, along with telling you indoor air quality and outdoor levels as well as the weather forecast via a Wi-Fi connection. He raffled one off, and our member John Meyer won it. John now owes us a story on how much he was able to do with it.

We also heard from Sudhi Sinha about JCI's work with Data Analytics. This science ties together all the data now available for a building or large complex, to not only control comfort and air quality, but save energy and money, as well as keep all equipment well serviced. Beyond those technical aspects they are using the data to make people feel more welcome, safe, and secure in their building. Today's computing capabilities to tie all this together to achieve meaningful results is amazing.

After departing JCI in Glendale, we met at the new Stackner Cabaret in downtown Milwaukee for a matinee show of "*Songs for Nobodies*". More details were in the last registration newsletter. Wow - could that woman sing! Dinner and drinks capped off a great day.

A hearty **Thank You** to many. Don Albinger and Janet House for being our sponsor, host and coordinator for the mid-day activities at JCI. Our WSJ Society board members, most notably our Program Committee, Jim Pasterczyk and Janice Peters; our Treasurer, Brian Bould, and Web master, Jude Anders. Their help made it all work.

President's Message (cont'd)

Johnson Controls Involvement Fair

With the help of our still employed member, Mara Beaumont attending the reunion, we were able to get an invite to JCI's Involvement Fair. This is an event where community groups set up a table in the 507 cafeteria at lunch hour, to show employees several opportunities to be involved in the local community.

This was a great way to remind current employees that our WSJ Society still exists as a way to continue friendships established during a JCI career. Whether retired or still working, it's a way to socialize and stay connected to folks you work(ed) with. Greg Pascucci, Jude Anders, and I talked to 40-50 people there. Many were familiar faces and some were new.

We welcome you all to visit our WSJSociety.com website, read our newsletters, look over our membership list for familiar names, and join us at one of our quarterly lunches to check us out further.

Hope to see you at our next Luncheon - January 17, 2019.

Gene Strehlow

Summer ... Time for Opera (cont'd)

Another highlight of the Summer Luncheon ...

We welcomed Susan Hyzer, first-time luncheon participant.

It was good to see Susan again. Hope you enjoyed the event Susan and return for many more.



Out & About...

September 29, 2018

Reunion 2018 was a great time to reconnect with friends from Johnson Controls and make some new friends to boot.

I met Mara and Jim Beaumont for the first time. Mara works in Customer Service, one of our in-career members. She later helped get us connected to the JCI Involvement Event to raise awareness of the WSJ Society among current JCI employees – thanks Mara.

Paula and I shared a table at the JCI event with Roy and Billie Cloudsdale. Roy started his career in the UK leading the service operation there. I first met Roy when he was with World Services in Atlanta after a stint in Milwaukee. I often promoted World Services to customers. The World Services teams really knew how to use technology to run buildings better. It was good to reconnect with Roy and meet Billie. Roy is retired now. He and Billie live in Sharpsburg, Georgia, on their horse farm. How's that for an interesting encore career for both of them?

Lou and Jackie Davit came to the reunion with longtime friends, Dom and Michele Limpens. Dom came to JCI in Milwaukee from Brussels, Belgium in the 70's to learn the sales and service business. His father, a friend of Fred Brengel, had a large HVAC business in Belgium. Dom and Lou met over tennis in Milwaukee. That started the relationship. Lou is Godfather to Dom and Michele's daughter, Noelle. The families have visited each other several times over the years after Dom and Michele's return to Belgium. It was our good fortune to have them here for our Reunion 2018.

Who might you have met? Check out the photos taken at Reunion 2018 in the Photo Gallery on WSJSociety.com.

It would be great to see you at the next reunion! ... or maybe sooner at a luncheon ...

Submitted by:

Jude Anders, Editor



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

George Jacobi passed away September 15, 2018. He was the Vice President of Technology and retired in 1993. He is survived by his wife Angela, their son and his family.

Dennis Wry passed away July 18, 2018. He worked for the Controls Group in the Accounting Department.

George Sperl passed away on October 14, 2018. He worked at JCI from 1956 until his retirement in 1985. Husband of the late Patricia; he is survived by their children and families.

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 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.

