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**Winter 2020 Luncheon**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**  
**Alioto's - 3041 N Mayfair Road**  
**\$18.00 per person**  
**11:00 Gather – 12:00 Lunch – 1:00 Program**

**Menu Selections**

-Sliced Pork Roast with homemade bread dressing and gravy  
-Chicken Parmesan with a side of mostaccioli  
-Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad  
-Chocolate Sundae for dessert

(Entrees are served with salad/choice of dressing, whipped or buttered potatoes, Italian bread, coffee, tea, or milk, and choice of dessert. Rice or mostaccioli is served in lieu of potatoes for some lunch choices. Soups or fruit cups are served with salad choices.)

**Please** make checks payable to: **WSJ Society**

-Mail to: WSJ Society  
P.O. Box 1425  
Grafton, WI 53024

**- Checks need to arrive no later than** January 9, 2020  
Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation or contact Jim Pasterczyk, VP Program at 414-764-8609.

**Program:**

Speaker: Jake Weiler  
Habitat for Humanity

At Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, we believe everyone deserves a decent place to live. Together with people in our community, we help families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities.

By volunteering with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, you can be a part of the change you want to see in your community. We offer several opportunities to build or repair homes with families, in addition to volunteer opportunities at our local Habitat ReStores, on committees and in our offices. You can even invite your friends and family to join us.

Come learn more about how Johnson Controls employees currently help build, deconstruct & renovate homes in an effort to improve the Milwaukee community.

Fall Luncheon – October 17, 2019

**“Follow the dog-walker, not the dog!”**

You may have noticed on your walks in the park, as I have, some dogs stay close to their walkers with good discipline, others sniff here and there, do some business on this side of the path, then the other. In the end though both types of dogs know that if they follow the dog walker home they'll get fed. So, if you want to see where they're going, follow the dog-walker, not the dog.

That bit of wisdom modeled the core of the message delivered by Paul Christian and Michael Antonelli of Baird Wealth Management at our Fall Luncheon. But in the markets, who's the dog walker? That came in a series of points they made:

- consumers drive the market
- never let politics impact investment choices
- choices in turbulent times determine investment success
- chose a long-term perspective, life cycle is more important than market cycle
- don't make it about just stacking money, 'life experience' is a better goal.



Those are easy to remember even for those of us well into that long term. Our thanks to Paul and Mike for passing along their message.

Speaking of long term, we were joined by Cliff Copass, a new member that I haven't seen in quite some time. It was great to re-connect with Cliff.

Best wishes to all, hope to see you at the next luncheon – the Winter Luncheon 2020. We can warm up over lunch and a few stories.



# President's Message

Gene Strehlow

## WSJ Society Newsletter

### SUBSCRIPTION

The times they are always changing. The Good Old Days don't last forever, and that is now going to catch up with us and our newsletter. I am sure you all have gotten many requests to "Go Green and Save a Tree" by accepting electronic copies of everything from monthly utility bills and bank statements to annual reports. Well now it is our turn. I won't take your time to sell the merits of saving some paper and ink (which is also true), this change is purely about the cost to your WSJ Society and our plan to keep the Society solvent. As I covered in my summer and fall newsletters, our ability to continue sending out 500 printed quarterly newsletters is coming to an end. With JCI eliminating its support for the printing and mailing of our newsletters, we cannot sustain the \$1.50 per copy (\$6 per year for four newsletters) on our \$5 per year dues.

We plan to keep creating a quarterly newsletter. We will keep putting it, along with archive copies of past issues, on our Web page at [WSJSociety.com/Connect/Newsletter-Archive/](http://WSJSociety.com/Connect/Newsletter-Archive/). We will also electronically mail it to any member that has emailed us their current email address to [WSJSocietyEmails@gmail.com](mailto:WSJSocietyEmails@gmail.com).

However, for those that really need a printed copy we will have to initiate an annual subscription fee of \$6.00/year in addition to your membership dues. We will start at that rate because that is our current cost, but I suspect it will rise as our future printing quantities change.

To receive a paper copy of our quarterly newsletter, send the \$6.00/year annual subscription fee to our treasurer, payable to WSJ Society. Confirm your mailing address and include specific instructions on what the dollars are for, so we do not have to guess:

**Annual Dues** = \$5/yr

**Annual Newsletter Subscription** = \$6/yr

**Quarterly Luncheon** = \$18/meal

**Lifetime Dues** = \$50

**Other** – Describe

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This isn't good news, but like our health insurance phasing out, it's a sign of the times.

Gene Strehlow

PS: If you are reading this before 12/31/19 – get your JCI retiree medical insurance updated now if you have not yet done so. See details in Oct. President's and Editor's messages on our web site.

# What's New @ WSJSociety.com

November 10, 2019

## How about YOU?

WSJSociety.com has been online since 2012. Over that time we've tried a number of alternative ways to bring you stories about people with whom you shared career experiences, the society and its activities, and the company and its activities.

Some of those things worked, others not so much. I hope you enjoyed the journey none-the-less. In any case, it has come time to clean up some of the mess I created along the way and maybe try some new things.

### That's where you come in.

This is an open invitation to any interested member to help with the job. All you need is a computer with access to WSJSociety.com, and the desire to help.

Time commitment is very flexible – whatever time you are willing to commit.

Location is also flexible – wherever you are!

On-the-job training is available.

And, there's a very rich compensation package – your personal satisfaction in helping people you know and lots of

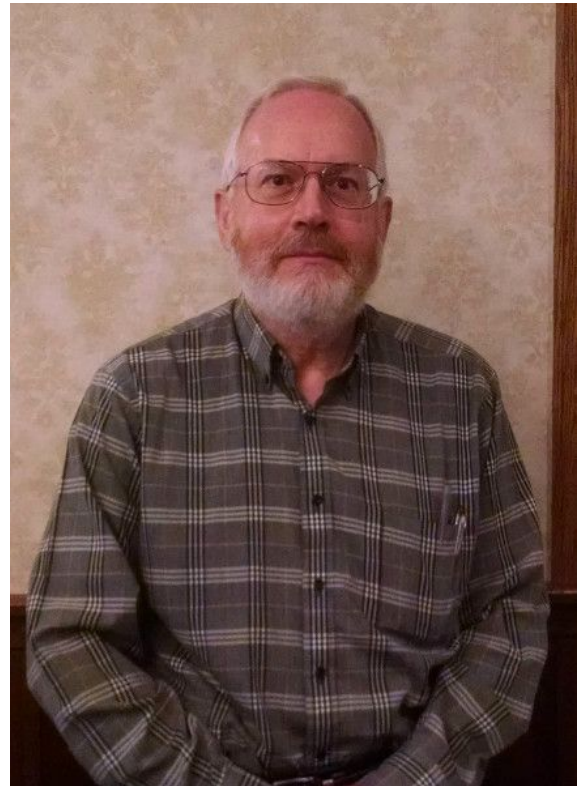
folks you don't.

From the ideas and skills you all bring I know that we can make the website better.

### Want to get into this opportunity?

Apply for the job by email to Jude Anders ([jra4128@gmail.com](mailto:jra4128@gmail.com))

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First time luncheon attendee, Cliff Copass

## 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

**James “Mike” Spencer** passed away August 15, 2019 at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, their 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren, 10 great grands, and one great- great grandson. He worked at JCI for over 30 years.

**Donald Morgan** passed away August 18, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, their 2 children, and 9 grandchildren. He worked for JCI for over 30 years in the Denver office.

**Barb Nenorth** passed away October 5, 2019.

**Tom Bessemer** passed away September 1, 2019 at the age of 90. He is survived by his spouse Gary Cendrowski. His 2 sons and 2 grandchildren also survive him. He worked for the Detroit office for more than 30 years.

## Company president Warren Johnson pushes for a new automobile company

Johnson Controls founder Warren S. Johnson called a special meeting of the company's (when it was known as the Johnson Service Company) 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 relative lack of enthusiasm for the automobile business. Johnson would spend much of final years on personally promoting the company's automobiles, especially on the 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

# 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. Annual printed Newsletter Subscription = \$6/yr. 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 last year for which you paid dues** (2018, 2019, 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.

