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Spring 2020 Luncheon

**Spring Luncheon 2020  
Cancelled due to pandemic**

**Menu**

- Chicken Normandy (boneless chicken breast, homemade bread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce)
- Breaded pork tenderloin with gravy & mixed vegetables
- Grilled Chicken Breast Salad with raspberry vinaigrette
- Dessert: chocolate sundae

(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.)

**Program:**

Speaker: Chris McArdle, President  
MKE Benefits, LLC



**MKE Benefits**

Chris has been helping individuals and small employers in the Milwaukee area find insurance solutions for almost 25 years. In addition to finding the right plan at the right price, he also ensures the consumer is educated and can be confident in their decisions.

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The three primary areas of concentration for Chris and his firm are small group benefits (health, dental, vision, life, disability, etc.), Medicare plans, and individual policies for those without access to group medical coverage. By narrowing their scope of focus, Chris and his team are able to deliver market leading solutions, and world class service.

Chris is a graduate of Marquette University with a degree in Business Economics, and remains active with various alumni groups at his alma mater.

**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 April 9, 2020**

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

**Winter Luncheon, January 16, 2020  
hot time on a cool day**

Winter this year in Milwaukee, has been cool, but not cold by Wisconsin standards. None the less, members came to Winter Luncheon to catch up and enjoy the warmth of good friends. We met Dale Larsen who came for his first time, the first of many we hope. Steve Thompson, was there. His last visit was as a speaker. It was great to touch base with both Dale and Steve.



Dale



Steve & Jim

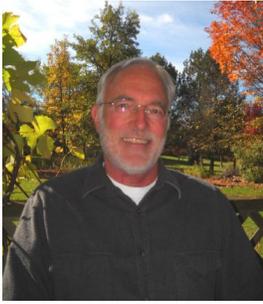
Carol Lomonaco introduced us to Jane Wamsley, a JCI Marketing Manager. This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of the Metasys System. Many of you had a hand in that. As part of the celebration, Jane is



seeking memorabilia of the Metasys development, personal stories, photos, interesting items from those early days. You can contact Jane at [jane.wamsley@jci.com](mailto:jane.wamsley@jci.com). Sounds like they are going to have a party!

President Gene Strehlow updated the group on the change to Newsletter distribution. For the background on that, check Gene's [President's Message: December 2019](#). As of January 16, seven members have requested and paid for a hard copy mailing of the Newsletter. For everyone else, Greg is working on the email distribution setup. And, you can always find the latest issue and all archived issues on the website: [WSJSociety.com/Newsletter Archive](http://WSJSociety.com/Newsletter Archive).

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# President's Message

Gene Strehlow

## Warren. S. Johnson – Receives an Award

Our namesake was included in this ceremony at the recent international conference.

**ASHRAE Recognized** the outstanding achievements and contributions of members to the Society and the built environment industry during its 2020 Winter Conference in Orlando.

"We congratulate each of ASHRAE's Honors and Awards recipients for their leadership in advancing the future of our industry and our Society," said 2019-20 ASHRAE President Darryl K. Boyce, P.Eng. The list included:

***Pioneers of the Industry:** Warren S. Johnson, 1847-1911, was posthumously awarded with ASHRAE Pioneers of Industry Award, recognizing deceased individuals who have made milestone contributions to the growth of HVAC&R. Johnson's development of a multi-zone pneumatic control system helped to launch the building control industry.*

## Our Online Newsletter

Congratulations if you are reading this 2020 Newsletter for the first time "Online". The Dec. 2019 edition was the last to go out to all "In Print".

You should have received an email reminding you that this online version was now available. If you did not, we need your current email address. (Send to: [WSJSocietyEmails@gmail.com](mailto:WSJSocietyEmails@gmail.com))

To those members for which we only have a postal address, a final "Post Card" went out to remind them of this change, and request their email address, or a print subscription fee. For more of the background on what led to this change, see our 2019 newsletters.

## Biennial Reunion

Your Board is leaning toward a picnic type of gathering for our Fall 2020 biennial reunion. Keep mid-Sept. to early Oct. in mind for this event. It would probably be a catered meal in a pavilion near Milwaukee, include a short program/meeting, and allow most of the time for socializing with your old JCI friends.

This change in format is another result of the reduction in support we are finding from JCI.

Gene

Gene also noted that the Board is working on options for a Reunion 2020. One is to have a 'picnic in the park.' Gene will keep us all updated in his President's Message at those plans develop.

The featured speakers after lunch were Nichali Ciaccio, and Jake Weiler from [Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity](#). Jake and Nichali took us through the Habitat for Humanity story as it is being created here in Milwaukee. What a fantastic story it is!



Nichali Ciaccio, and Jake Weiler

Their model is focused on neighborhood revitalization, affordable new and existing homes for families who participate in the work with support to prepare them to be successful. This is combined with resident-led change for neighborhood success.

Sound good? Habitat has data to back up the impact on families, the community, and the people who volunteer in this great work. Check out the [Annual Report](#) on their website. One point that caught my attention, graduation rates increased to 87% from 57%. That's impact and a real investment in our future.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit funded by corporate sponsors, fund raising, and revenues from their ReStore operation. ReStore makes great sense – donations of used furnishings and building materials are sold for re-use – a triple whammy, landfill avoided, low cost source for building materials and furnishings, and, funding provided to support habitat homes for families. That's sustainable best practice three times over!

Jake and Nichali also introduced us to the many ways people can contribute from their time, talent, and treasure. People don't have to be experienced carpenters like Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter have become, there's something for everyone to do, from worksite volunteer to calling them about a ReStore opportunity the next time you are planning a re-model. They'll help you contribute in whatever way you can. This is about community!

Thanks Jake and Nichali for introducing us to the great work Habitat is doing.

And, thanks to Jim Pasterczyk, Program Chair for another great event!

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](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

**Jim Eaton** passed away in March of 2019. He is survived by his wife Betty and their family. Jim was the Director of Manufacturing of the Controls Group in Milwaukee.

**Hilda Pielmeier** passed away January 9, 2020. She is survived by her brothers Carl (Kathleen) and Bill (Linda) and their families. Hilda served as an executive secretary in the Milwaukee Controls Group.

**Roger Suckow** passed away on January 21, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Martha and their extended family. Roger was a salesman in the Milwaukee branch office and then retired from the Technical Support Group in Milwaukee.

**Edwin Vossler** passed away October 31, 2019. He is survived by his son Keith, daughter-in-law and grandson. Edwin retired in 1986 from the Dayton branch office, where he had been an application engineer.

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# HISTORY

**World's largest hotel gets Johnson Controls system, March 11, 1981**

*The Milwaukee Journal* reported on **March 11, 1981** that Johnson Controls was designing and installing a \$5 million computer-controlled fire safety system for the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. The hotel and casino was under reconstruction after a fire ravaged it in November of the prior year, killing 87 people. To prevent such a tragedy from ever occurring again, the MGM chose Johnson Controls to install a state-of-the-art fire control system which featured a central computer that controlled an elaborate network of sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarms, as well as special ventilation and smoke exhaust technology. Alvin Benedict, president and CEO of MGM Grand Hotels, Inc., stated at the time: "We are dedicated to making the MGM Grand the safest hotel in Las Vegas." Installation would be completed by April and the hotel reopened in July of that year. The MGM was the largest hotel in the world with over 2.5 million square feet of space in its three interconnected 26-story towers. Named after the famous movie "Grand Hotel," (1932) the MGM was dedicated in theme and décor to the movie industry.



Movie legend Gene Kelly explains the Johnson Controls fire protection system to guests of the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas via closed circuit TV.

# 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.

