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## Special Note on Events

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic uncertainty;

- The July 16 luncheon is canceled.
- The Fall Oct. 15 luncheon (if it occurs) will be a normal luncheon.
- Nothing special for the Biennial Reunion is being planned. We will continue to monitor the ever changing set of rules and guidelines in Milwaukee and the surrounding area to judge when we may be able to safely meet again.

Any feedback you can provide on what conditions would have to look like before you would be willing to gather again, would be greatly appreciated.

It will do little good to schedule a luncheon if few members are willing to attend.

## Help your Board

Your board of directors can use one or more added people to carry out the duties they perform.

Specifically the Program Committee has normally been two people and is currently only Jim Pasterczyk. They coordinate our quarterly luncheons (menu, speaker, facility details).

If you would have an interest in getting involved in this or other parts of our board please send us an email, or call Jim or Gene Strehlow (262-251-0166) for additional details.

The time commitment is typically only a handful of hours/quarter.

## President's Message Gene Strehlow



## What's a New Normal?

No – I don't know what that will look like either, but I find it interesting to guess at how our current pandemic will change what the future will look like. How many of the new habits we are quickly learning and adapting to will become ingrained into that "new normal" and which ones will be humorous recollections of a common experience that we all endured. I thought I would take the time to put a snapshot of today's thoughts in this time capsule we call a newsletter for future reference and maybe even joke telling.

- ✓ <u>Toilet paper</u> do we finally have enough?
- ✓ <u>Ventilators</u> The second thing (after TP) that hospitals were short of. Two months in and no longer an issue, since most people that got that sick have died. GM and Ford are now building them, but not cars.
- ✓ Will <u>schools</u> look the same? Preschool, Grade school, High School, College will it all be On Line?
- ✓ <u>Working from home</u>. If you use a computer, will you need an office anymore?
- ✓ <u>Newscasters, entertainers, singers, gym classes</u> all coming from people's homes.
- ✓ <u>Shows and commercials</u> from the past with crowds of people now look abnormal already.
- ✓ <u>Restaurants/Bars -</u> will they ever be the busy places we've known?
- ✓ <u>Farmers</u> are dumping milk, plowing under crops, euthanizing animals planned for schools & restaurants while grocery shelves are sparse and food banks can't get enough food for people out of work.
- ✓ <u>Airplanes, Trains, buses, ships</u> will we feel like packing into them?
- ✓ Sporting events Will they restart with fans? Will we be only watching from home?
- ✓ Will we all need <u>new shoes</u> from walking our neighborhoods repeatedly? Dogs are loving it.
- ✓ How about your new longer hair style, since barbers/salons are closed.
- ✓ When will <u>face masks</u> become a fashion statement and be on glamor magazines?
- ✓ <u>Gasoline</u> they can't give crude oil away nobody's going anywhere, but pollution is down.
- ✓ Will <u>ZOOM</u> be in everyone's electronic device or a humorous relic from back then.

Add your own thoughts and we can compare notes once we can get together again. Preferably not on ZOOM. Or just put some notes in the margins above – Oh! I almost forgot, we are not putting this on paper anymore ;-)

-- Gene

### 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.WSJSociety.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

**Tom Barley**, Central Regional Vice President, passed away on March 24, 2020

**Roger Rothenmaier**, Milwaukee branch office, passed away on May 1, 2020

**Bill Sigman**, Indianapolis branch office manager, passed away on May 3, 2020

# TIME?



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** 

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paid dues (2018, 2019, Life).

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## 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.





