

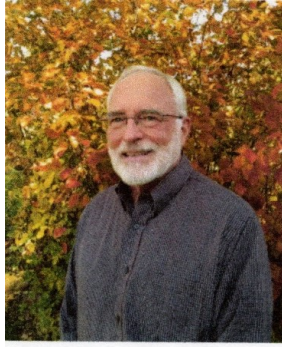


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April 15, 2021 Luncheon is Canceled

The Board has again decided to cancel this luncheon due to the ongoing Covid 19. While vaccines are now starting to be given, the luncheon decision and commitment needs to be made 2 months ahead of the luncheon. Let's all get vaccinated and maybe we can have the July luncheon.

Also due to a few schedule conflicts the Spring newsletter will be quite abbreviated and most non-time sensitive items will come in the next issue.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

507 E. Michigan FOR SALE

More things are changing! Now the place many of us knew as the center of the controls world since our namesake, Warren S. Johnson built it, is up for sale. This was the late January news in Milwaukee TV and newspaper.

That location has most of Johnson's history tied to it. The name and logo have changed several times. The building was added to many times and was still internally labeled as building 1, 2, 3, thru 7, as recently as when I retired. But the location was always known as "507" to all the members of the Johnson family world-wide. Now it too will pass into history.

It wasn't too many years ago that JCI owned most of the block just west of 507 and had a long term agreement for use of the packing structure in the next block west of that. As recently as 2015 (before the inversion with Tyco) there was serious talk of JCI building an office tower on the south side of East Clybourn just beyond the east end of the freeway. Now JCI is leaving the downtown altogether.

The article says the 1262 downtown employees will be moved to the Glendale campus which has 680 current employees and thus adequate room. It reports that they used to have 3000 employees in the Milwaukee area but are now down below 2000. While some of that is staff reduction, which we have been hearing about, others is probably due to spinning off the auto seating portion (Adient), and selling off the battery division (which does still rent space at the Glendale campus).

I'm sure you all have your individual memories of that building, whether you worked there, like I did for 42 years, or came there from the field offices for business or training trips. It was the center of the Johnson universe, at least when Controls was the primary business. The company now has many products and divisions and probably has no center.

As I write this, I've also been informed that Johnson is closing its Carrollton Texas facility. The note mentions Ruskin rooftops being made there now. SECD used that facility in the past. I don't know if it's the same facility the JCI electronics division in Carrollton had also used.

What's next?

Gene Strehlow

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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TIME?



..... YES, and time to renew your Society membership!

Keep in touch with your life-long work associates via the Newsletter!

Annual membership dues are only \$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.

Optional printed Newsletter Subscription fee is available for \$6/yr. New members paying after September 1st will be credited for both the current and next year. Send dues money to our treasure as defined in the previous section "**About the WSJ Society**".

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENT COMES WITH 10 YEARS

If you are retired from Johnson Controls or have 10 years of employment with the company, you are eligible for society membership.

Send your membership fee to our treasurer as defined in the previous section "**About the WSJ Society**".