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**Winter 2022 Luncheon**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road

**NOTE PRICE INCREASE: \$21 per person**  
11am-Gathering / 12pm-Lunch / 1:00 program

The luncheon selections are:

- Baked one-half chicken with cranberry sauce
- Ground round with mushroom gravy and mixed vegetables
- Grilled chicken breast salad with raspberry vinaigrette

Each meal comes with:

- Salad with choice of dressing, or soup, or fruit cup (depending on lunch choice)
- Whipped or buttered potatoes
- Italian bread
- Coffee, tea, milk
- Chocolate sundae for dessert

Lunch is \$21 per person.

Please make checks payable to: WSJ Society.

**Checks need to arrive by January 12, 2023**

Mail checks to:

WSJ Society  
P.O. Box 1425  
Grafton, WI 53024

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions you may have when making your reservations. Or, contact Jim Pasterczyk, VP Program at 414-764-8609.

Program

**Ice Age Trail Alliance**

[www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org)

Speakers

Diana Matthews and Mark Miner

Ever wonder how the Kettle Moraine was formed? Why the Driftless Region in Southwestern Wisconsin looks so different from the rest of the state? It all has to do with the ice age glaciers.

The Ice Age Trail is not only an educational resource, but a treasured recreational asset - sweeping a 1,200 mile arc along the edge of the Ice Age Glacier's furthest southern advance.

More than 2.3 million people use the Ice Age Trail each year to hike and snowshoe, to backpack, to disconnect and reconnect.

Our guests representing the not-for-profit Ice Age Trail Alliance will explain the history and current state of the trail.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Election Ads - Are finally over**

As I write this, we have just gotten through the 2022 election day media barrage. I am relieved that the continuous stream of negative ads in every form of media has gone away very quickly. In one period of frustration, I counted 21 consecutive TV ads, and 20 of them were negative political ads, the day before the election. The cost of all that media spending was about \$150 million, for just our Wisconsin senator's race. The governor's race was only a little less. I suspect most voters had decided their vote long before most of that money was spent, but we all had to endure the full barrage of those negative (and mostly erroneous) claims from both sides. I wish we could hold the writers of those commercials accountable for how they are creatively spinning their non-facts into something they hope to be convincing – NOT! At least it was a large infusion of dollars into what I hope is a mostly local media industry.

As you read this, the election should be old news, unless there are some areas still recounting. Hopefully we can get back to the more familiar advertising for things like cars, insurance, windows, pet food, medical supplies, etc. I never would have thought I would be grateful for getting those back. Be careful what you wish for, because we just saw an example of how it can get worse! The 2024 race could start any day now – heaven forbid.

### **The hunt**

The Wisconsin deer hunt is now fast approaching. I will be out in the woods along with 600,000 other members of our blaze orange army, chasing Bambi around. I wonder how that number compares to the soldiers on either side of the current Ukrainian war. It's larger than the US has had in many of the other middle east conflicts - and Wisconsin is only one state. Think of the logistics of moving that orange army into position. All those folks know exactly where they will be at 6:30 AM on November 19. It may be their chosen location in the field or gathered as part of a well-organized search party looking for Bambi. They will be fully equipped with all the food, drink, shelter, weatherproofing, and firepower they need for the task at hand, and it won't cost a cent of your government's funds to complete any of this massive logistical achievement. In fact, the government will collect millions of dollars in fees in the process, enough to fund other conservation programs outside of this hunt. I guess war against Bambi is cheaper for our government than war against Russia.

The outcome of this hunt will also be history by the time you read this. You will have to come to the January luncheon to hear "The rest of the story"

See you there.

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.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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## History

On May 25, 1889, the Johnson Electric Service Company (Johnson Controls' initial name) sold contract number 1316 to Captain Frederick Pabst for installation of a temperature regulation system in his soon-to-be-built home.

Pabst was originally a ship captain who married Maria Best, the daughter of the founder of Best Brewery. In 1862, Pabst was taken into partnership in his father-in-law's brewery, where he eventually became president. His plans for building a mansion on Milwaukee's Grand Avenue (where several other of Milwaukee's wealthiest citizens built their homes) began to take shape in 1889, but groundbreaking would not occur until the following year. The mansion was completed in the summer of 1892 at a cost of \$254,000, including furnishings and artwork.

The Pabst family lived at the mansion from 1892 until 1908 (Captain Pabst passed away in 1904), when it was sold to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The non-profit Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. (WHI) purchased the mansion in the 1970s and opened it to the public in 1978. The mansion, a monument to the "Gilded Age," continues to be restored to its original glory.



The Pabst Mansion  
when it was home to Captain Pabst and his family

# 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.