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# Fall 2022 Luncheon Thursday, October 20, 2022

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road **NOTE PRICE INCREASE: \$21 per person** 11am-Gathering / 12pm-Lunch / 1:00 program

The luncheon selections are:

- Chicken Parmesan with side of Mostaccioli
- Sliced Pork Roast with homemade bread dressing and gravy
- Seasonal salad with grilled chicken breast

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 October 13, 2022

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 Speaker

Lyn Hildenbrand Executive Director The Gathering of Southeast WI

THE MISSION of the Gathering is to provide meals and associated services to those who would otherwise go hungry or without.

Founded in 1982, the Gathering provides over 60,000 meals with a staff of 9 and over 1500 volunteers. Johnson Controls has a long history of supporting The Gathering, both with direct financial support and by providing volunteers.

Lyn has been Executive Director since 2019 and will talk about the Gathering's operations and how they have changed since the start of the COVID pandemic.

Lyn has both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from UW-Milwaukee, in addition to numerous certifications.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### It's time to "Do Lunch"

As you can see from this (and prior) newsletters, we are back to having our normal quarterly luncheons at Alioto's. These are normally the third Thursdays of January, April, July and October. Attendance is quite consistent at about 40 retirees and spouses, and we typically have a speaker on some topic of interest to our group of retirees. The parking is good, the access is easy, the timing is mid-day, and the food is fine (although not the primary reason for coming).

If you haven't been there for a while, or you don't think you will see some familiar faces, why not contact two or three fellow retirees (and spouses) and agree to meet there for lunch. We all have a few of those past associates that we last told "We should do this more often – we'll have to get around to it again". If your group is a bunch of snow-birds that go south for the winter, pick a July or October luncheon. If the group is too busy in summer, or "Up North" at the cottage, come in January or April. Whatever suits your group's lifestyle. With a little bit of effort on your part you can make this a regular annual gathering, and you don't have to arrange any of the details. Maybe you had a group that just doesn't quite have the needed "critical mass", or "organizer" to keep prior gatherings happening. Just agree on which luncheon to meet at.

It doesn't matter which division or unit of the company your group is from. There is plenty of room. If you get enough to fill most of a table (typically set for 6 or 8) you can sit together and catch up with each other for the whole time. We're done by 2:00, but Alioto's has a public bar/lounge that you could use to continue on, if desired. If someone needs a hotel room there are a few of those just down the road in the Mayfair area.

I have crossed paths with a number of fellow retirees in other settings over the years. It may have been a public gathering, an ASHRAE event, or the funeral of one of our members. In most cases, especially those with a larger number of retirees, the prevalent expression is that it's good to reconnect, and a desire to do so more often. I offer up this regular luncheon schedule as a way to do so. We've been doing this for longer than I believe most of our current members have been involved, and hopefully that will continue. It just may take a bit of contact by you - with those you know - to make it work best for you. Leaving it purely up to chance may leave you with fewer connections.

Hope to see you soon. Let's "Do Lunch"

Gene

# **About the WSJ Society**

The WSJ Society is a social group people who share of experiences at Johnson Controls, Society brings Inc. The members together to enjoy and help each other; and, contribute to community. Activities of the society 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

Frank Hodel passed away on August 25, 2022 at the age of 96. He was the international sales manager for the Battery Division for 20 years. He is survived by his wife Mary.

#### 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.