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Winter Luncheon
Thursday, January 18, 2024

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road
NOTE PRICE: \$25 per person
11am-Gathering / 12pm-Lunch / 1:00 program

The luncheon selections are:

- Chicken Romano- grilled chicken breast served with green peppers, onions, and mushrooms, topped with mozzarella cheese. A side of mostaccioli is included.
- Sliced Pork Roast- with homemade bread dressing and gravy
- Seasonal Salad with grilled chicken breast

Lunches include choice of dressing, whipped or buttered new potatoes, Italian bread and coffee. Rice or Mostaccioli is served in lieu of potatoes for certain entrees. Salad lunches are served with Italian bread, coffee, tea, or milk. Vanilla ice cream w/chocolate syrup for dessert.

Lunch is \$25 per person.

Please make checks payable to:
WSJ Society.

Checks need to arrive by January 11, 2024

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

While Phenology might be a new term for many - gardeners, sports enthusiasts, and anyone with a profession or hobby that depends on seasonal rhythms are already phenological observers.

A simple definition of Phenology is: the study of recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, especially their timing and relationships with weather and climate.

The modern study of Phenology can be traced at least to the mid 18th century. In Great Britain, Robert Marsham is considered the founding father of Phenology. He began recording spring species and events back in 1736 called "Indications of Spring".

Here in Wisconsin Aldo Leopold (author of "A Sand County Almanac" and considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology in the US) took a keen interest in Phenology. The Aldo Leopold Foundation continues the Leopold family legacy of keeping phenology records with the publication of their annual Phenology Calendar.

Our speaker Dr. Mark D. Schwartz is a Distinguished Professor in the Geography Department at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Information about Dr. Schwartz, his teaching, and research can be found at: <https://uwm.edu/geography/people/schwartz-mark-d/>

His presentation looks at phenological interconnections and changes at the start of the growing season in North America since 1900, both overall, regionally, and locally.

PLEASE NOTE:

At its December meeting, the WSJ Board made the following policy change regarding paper copies of the newsletter. This is due to the dwindling number of requests and to simplify membership management. Effective immediately, no new requests for paper newsletters will be accepted from current or new members. Members currently receiving paper copies (there are less than a half dozen) may continue this service.

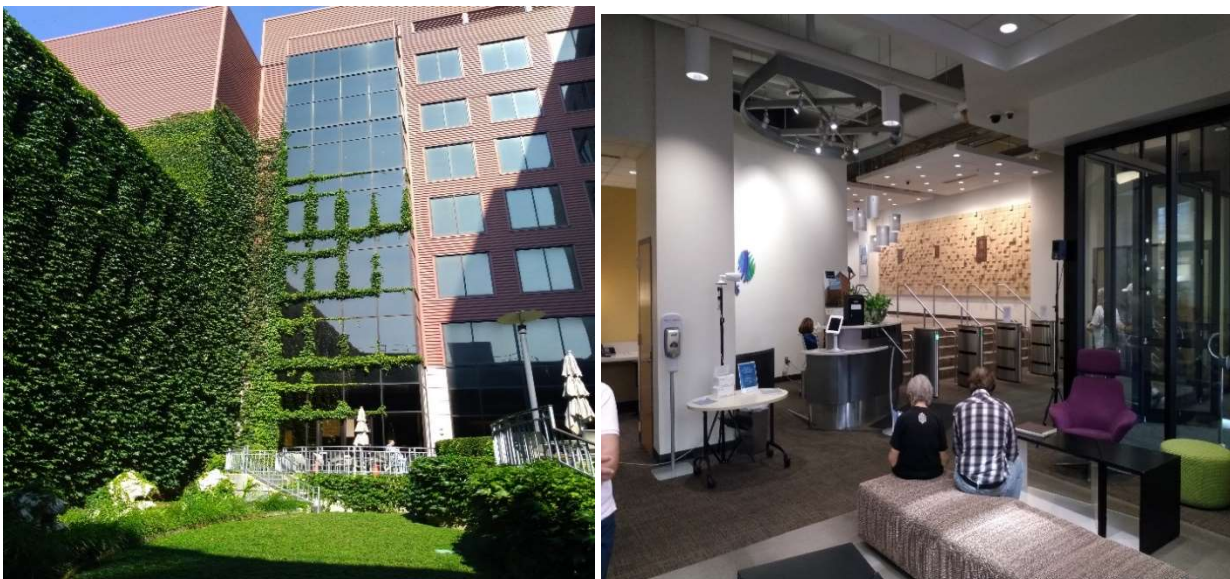
President's Message



507 - One Last Time



I took the opportunity to see 507 one last time on Sept 23 when the building was part of “Open Doors Milwaukee”, when hundreds of buildings open up to the public for tours. JCI is planning to be completely out of the whole place within about 6-9 months. It has been sold to a real estate firm, and its future use is either uncertain, or at least undisclosed, at this point in time. The block west of the 507 building has 3 hotels (Holiday Inn Express, Home2 by Hilton, and a Tru by Hilton). For several years, Johnson Controls owned the land currently occupied by the hotels with the idea of further campus expansion, but nothing came of it. The Brengel Technology Center lobby looks similar to how it was when I retired 10 years ago. The open air patio off the cafeteria is really growing the vines. It gives the building's LEED green building status another level of “green”. The Lion heads from the prior American Appraisal building on that site, look like they could use a haircut. I could use more words, but the pictures speak better.



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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In Remembrance

Robert J. Franecki passed away on November 24, 2023 at the age of 78. He worked at JCI as an engineer for 42 years. He is survived by several family members and close friends.

JCI Tennis Survivors

Five survivors of the championship JCI tennis teams from the 70's to the 90's got together for a reunion last month at the Three Lions pub in Shorewood. Chuck Augustin, Pete Murray (the pirate), Mike Kafka, Lou Davit and Dick Stevens. It was a great time recalling our victories (and a few defeats) and our camaraderie. What's happening now in our families was big, our travels and the kids adventures. Mike and Chuck are the only ones still active in tennis, the rest of us are doing good, keeping the family moving along.

After a good lunch at the pub, we went a few blocks West to Lou and Jackie's house and wolfed down some of Jackie's apple strudel on the patio. Had to check out Lou's raised garden in the back yard and also the solar panels on the garage roof (they're doing great). The guys also had an in-person look at Possum Lodge that was written up in the Journal Sentinel last year. A good time was had by all - we agreed to get together again when all of us are in town.



Tom Parris sent some pictures from our past - enjoy!!
More to be published next quarter ... do you have any to share?



Johnson Controls Awarded Pentagon UMCS Contract!

September 24, 1997

THE WINNING TEAM:



Left to right: DAVE FRIESE, MIEE DONLEY, CHRIS STINGO, MARK WAGNER, STEVE THOMPSON, BOB CALDWELL, RON WALLER, BILL MEATHE, DOUG DECKER, BILL THOMAS, JOE WISE, JOHN ROBINSON, TIM SWANSON, BILL STULL, AND RALPH EZELL.

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SECTION D

Johnson Controls to renovate systems at Pentagon

\$100 million contract comes as firm reports record earnings, sales

By MARK SAVAGE
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Johnson Controls Inc. landed its largest energy management contract Monday, a \$100 million deal to revamp energy control systems at the Pentagon.

The Glendale-based company also announced record fourth-quarter and annual earnings, and record sales of more than \$11 billion in 1997. Johnson Controls, which has won several large government contracts in the past several years, will spend 10 years completing the energy

management system renovation at the Pentagon building. The entire Pentagon, considered the largest low-rise office building in the world, is being remodeled over that period.

"Basically they're gutting the building," said Douglas A. Decker, Johnson Controls vice president of government affairs.

The 54-year-old Defense Department headquarters covers 29 acres and has 6.6 million square feet with 17.5 miles of corridors.

Command Center

Under the contract, Johnson Controls will install its Metasys system to measure, monitor and manage building functions from a central com-

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Johnson Controls Inc. received a \$100 million contract Monday to update the energy control system at the Pentagon. The deal is part of a 10-year plan to modernize the Defense Department headquarters.

From Doug Decker's archives

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. New members (only) paying after September 1st will be credited for both the current and next year. Not sure you've paid your dues? Please refer to the "WSJ Society - Members List", which is included as an attachment to this newsletter, and can also be found on our WSJSociety.com website in the "Members Only" section.

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.

The address for sending your membership to is listed inside this newsletter.