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Summer Luncheon
Thursday, July 17, 2025

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road

PRICE: \$30 per person

11am-Gathering / 12pm-Lunch / 1:00pm-program

The luncheon selections are:

- Lasagna
- Lemon Caper Chicken
- Grilled Chicken Breast Salad
w/Balsamic Vinaigrette

The dessert will be vanilla ice cream with chocolate syrup.

Lunches are served with a salad and choice of dressing, Italian bread, and coffee.

The seasonal salad is served with soup or fruit cup (in season), Italian bread and coffee.

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.

Lunch is **\$30** per person.

Please make checks payable to: WSJ Society
Checks need to arrive by **July 10, 2025**

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WSJ Society
P.O. Box 510105
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PROGRAM SPEAKER

Debbie Nicely

Office Administrator

Learning in Retirement

of Waukesha County Inc. (LIRWC)

Learning in Retirement of Waukesha County (LIRWC) is a non-profit organization celebrating its 30th anniversary. We offer life-long learning opportunities for adults through educational classes, trips to regional venues and historical places, as well as Special Interest Groups (SIGs) where like-minded souls gather and socialize in areas of interest, such as Mah-jongg, Sheepshead, Book Lovers, Philosophy, Genealogy, Hiking and more. We reach the broader southeast Wisconsin community to help overcome social isolation. We've never known anyone to walk away without at least one new friend."

President's Message



After Market Parts are Available

I'm sure there are many of you fellow retirees that are also running on aftermarket parts that are a welcome replacement of the originals that have worn out. I don't expect they will last quite as long as the originals, nor are they quite as fully functional as the God given originals. But never-the-less they are a welcome result of present medical advancements.

I'm speaking of my new (4 months ago) hip joint that replaced the one that had quite effectively carried me on my first 73 trips around the sun. However, it started to complain about 2 years ago. Medications, physical therapy, and a cane all helped a little, but they can only carry you so far. Before I knew it was time to investigate those new replacement parts. The information I found had recovery times of 6-10-12-15+ weeks to get back to most daily activities. Then the doctors and nurses look at your gray hair and milage on a 70+ year old frame and they all say "well you should expect to be at the longer end of that range". I expect many of you are also getting a little tired of hearing that logic. So, when is that length of recovery time available here in Wisconsin? I chose January so I'd be back to active for spring activities, summer camping, fishing, and fall hunting. The doctor is also busiest in winter since few Wisconsinites want to spend our short summers recovering. All I had to do was teach my wife how to run a snow blower (that's a longer story for another time).

The procedure went very well (the doctor says he does 4-5 a day!) I was up and walking 5 hrs. after the surgery, with the arthritic pain already gone. One night in the hospital. No pain meds at home other than Tylenol. Therapy started on day 5 for 10 weeks. I used a wheeled walker at home and to therapy for about 3 weeks, until a cane was enough. I was able to walk the 1-mile round trip to and from therapy at 6 weeks without the cane (was a little sore the next day). By 2 months after the surgery, I rarely used even the cane. By 3 months, I was in the lake installing the pier for the start of the summer camping season. So, recovery is not as long as I feared. Haven't yet decided if water skiing is next on the agenda.

I've been told that hips are easier than knees to recover from. I hope to never have to personally make the comparison. I'll be fine with the easier of the two. If you have had one of each, I'll be happy to take your word on that.

Keep moving – once you stop – pretty soon you can't anymore.

Regards,

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.

This Newsletter is published quarterly to contribute to those goals. Member stories and ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

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In Remembrance

Charlie Gruenig passed away August 21, 2024 at the age of 86. He spent his career with the company and retired from the South Bend office as Branch Manager in 1996. He is survived by his wife Anne, their 2 sons and their families.

Mike Zuffa passed away on May 16, 2025 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife Kathy, their son and his family as well as many other relatives. Mike retired after 42 years of service in Milwaukee.

George Huhnke passed away May 25, 2025 at the age of 94. He was the manager of the marketing communications group in Milwaukee, retiring after 23 years of service. He is survived by his wife Valerie, their 5 children and their families.

Carmen Vinci passed away in June 2025. Carmen retired after holding a variety of admin and purchasing/support positions in Milwaukee. She will be remembered for her jovial attitude and great laugh.

Dick Ris, Washington DC branch manager, passed away on February 28, 2019

Gene McNally, Boston branch manager, passed away on June 26, 2020.

PayPal option for luncheon payment

To pay for your luncheon using PayPal™, send an email request to wsj.president@gmail.com. Please indicate name(s) and menu choice(s). A PayPal™ invoice will be sent to you electronically with instructions for payment which will include the **5% service fee**. (* Your email must be registered with a PayPal™ account).

Our colleague and now fellow retiree Dan Spacek has arranged for a tour of the **Warren Johnson Engineering Lab** in Glendale. This building is the replacement location for product design and testing previously housed at the downtown Milwaukee campus.

DATE

Tuesday July 29 **11:00 AM**

ADDRESS

2022 West Florist Avenue (just north of the corporate campus buildings)

Those interested in doing the tour are requested to **send Sheilah Gilliard an email in order to facilitate badging with security** and expedite entry. Sheilah V Gilliard: sheilah.v.gilliard@jci.com



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.