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Winter Luncheon

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road

PRICE: \$30 per person

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

The luncheon selections are:

- Chicken Normandy w/homemade dressing, whipped potatoes & gravy
- Breaded boneless pork chops with potatoes
- Grilled chicken breast salad with raspberry vinaigrette

The dessert will be vanilla ice cream with chocolate syrup.

Lunches are served with a salad and choice of dressing. Plus, Italian bread and coffee are included. The salad selection is served with soup or fruit cup (in season).

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 **January 8, 2026**

Mail checks to: WSJ Society
P.O. Box 510105
Milwaukee, WI 53203

See page 3 for instructions to use PayPal™

PROGRAM SPEAKER

It's Kind of Fun to do the Impossible
Ken Leinbach

Ken is best known for his work to grow the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee. The Center's formula of using environmental education as a tool for inspiring urban revitalization transformed parts of Milwaukee.

Since recently turning leadership of the Urban Ecology Center over to a younger colleague, Ken is now launching, *In the Spirit of Kindness*, an incubator of projects put forth *in the spirit of kindness* that connect people to their inner purpose, each other, and the natural world. Striving to live with as little environmental impact as possible Ken chooses not to own a car and models the sharing of resources at the Hawk's Nest, a diverse intentional community he co-founded in Riverwest.

With contagious energy, Ken speaks on a number of topics ranging from the climate crisis and urban education to non-profit management and leadership. His favorite topic, and the one he plans to focus on at the January 15th luncheon, is about the power that comes from living from an attitude of abundance vs living from a position of scarcity.



President's Message

Our Website - needs Help

Our WSJ Society website [The Warren Johnson Society](#) is probably going to be required to change. The company (JCI) is telling us that it has to be removed from their system. I'm no web or internet expert, so I'm not clear about all the reasoning behind this, but I believe it is a combination of several things including security, maintenance, the language (wordpress) that runs it, and maybe a few more that are beyond me. So, we are scrambling to see what options are available to us.

The present website does not appear to be very heavily used by our members. It is more elaborate than our group needs. We probably do need a Web presence of some kind in today's world, so new retirees can find us and we can communicate to you, our membership. While email can be used for most communication, like our quarterly newsletter, it does require that our membership keeps us up to date with their current email address. This is easier said than done. A web site provides a common location to reconnect if/when an email connection isn't up to date. Would a Facebook presence be enough? It probably wouldn't be as easy to find and access as a website.

Here are a few basics our website needs: (are there others?)

- Who we are statement.

- How to contact us; Website, email, postal address

- How to join

- Photos – a gallery would be nice to show what we've done

- Newsletter current one and some archives (we now have 20 yrs online)

- Future events – luncheons and other

- Obituary notices; recent and historical

If there are any members out there with significant web site configuration and maintenance experience that would be willing to get involved in filling our current need, we would really like to hear from you. Unfortunately, we are currently running at, or a little below, a break-even level of financing, so there are no extra funds to hire a consultant or take on much of an extra monthly website fee. If those are going to be required, we will have to generate additional funds.

Member feedback (NOT Spam) is requested to: help@wsjsociety.com

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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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).

In Remembrance

Jeff Kraft passed away on October 12, 2025 at the age of 85. He worked at JCI for 34 years specializing in HVAC and building automation design and sales.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette, their two children and their families.

Ken Voss passed away April 29, 2025 at the age of 95. He served the company as general counsel for over 20 years. He is survived by six children and their families. His wife Charlotte and son Gregory predeceased him.

First time attendees at October luncheon



Jim Theama and Bill Cole

Future luncheon dates:

January 15
April 16
July 16
October 15
January 21, 2027

From Lou Davit – Milwaukee

It was a beer and brat party for the JCI Tennis Team



Lou Davit, Pete Murray, Dick Stevens, Mike Kafka and Chuck Augustin

Wishing you and your families
a very happy holiday season!

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.