



Newsletter



FOX VALLEY SECTION

May, 2018



General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on

Tuesday, May 01, 2018 at:

Courtyard Banquets

3S200 State Route 59
Warrenville, IL 60555

Please visit our website: <http://www.asq-foxvalley.org> for a map and directions to this meeting.

Program:

- 5:30 - 6:00 Networking
- 6:00 - 6:30 Pre-Dinner Presentation
- 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner
- 7:45 - 8:30 After Dinner Presentation

U.S. Baldrige Performance Excellence Framework for Small Businesses

By Dr. Manu Vora

- Broiled chicken marsala
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Mixed medley vegetables
- Bread and butter
- Coffee, water
- Dessert: Vanilla ice cream with topping
- Vegetarian option: Vegetable lasagna with cream sauce and side of mixed medley vegetables

Cash bar

Cost: \$25.00

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Program Details

U.S. Baldrige Performance Excellence Framework for Small Businesses

The session will focus on the U. S. Baldrige Performance Excellence Framework for Small businesses. The Baldrige Framework takes a holistic, systems approach in viewing an organization's performance management system across seven categories leading to sustainable organizations in the global economy. Small businesses can use the Baldrige Framework to manage their business and ensure optimum effectiveness and efficiency. Key principles and practices will be shared and we will explore best-in-class practices to propel your organization to a next level.

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Message from the Chair

Fellow Members,

GREAT NEWS!! Recertification update has arrived from ASQ!! Moving forward, each part of our monthly dinner meetings will now be awarded 0.5 RUs, increasing from the current 0.3 RUs. Great news for those of us that need to keep the RUs flowing in order to keep our certifications. Also, ASQ has also added RUs annually as long as you keep your membership up for the entire year.

To view the new requirements in detail, visit ASQ's site at:

www.asq.org

Or on our section website under recertification at:

<http://asq-foxvalley.org/content.php?page=Recertification>

On the topic of programs, we had an interesting meeting on Tuesday April 3rd, at St. Andrews Country Club in West Chicago. We would like to thank Wayne Tollefsen for his presentation on Hypothesis Testing. The real-world examples presented involving the polio vaccine and space shuttle Challenger disaster were fascinating, along with how Hypothesis Testing either was or was not properly used to make a critical decision. The next section dinner meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st at Courtyard Banquets in Warrenville. The speaker will be Manu Vora, who will be speaking on U.S. Baldrige Performance for Small Businesses.

Please sign up for the meeting on our website at:

www.asq-foxvalley.org

At the last couple meetings, we have had a record number of walk-ins that had not registered ahead of time on the website. We appreciate everyone that comes out to the meetings and would like to mention that we need to get a count to the facility the weekend before the meeting to have enough meals for everyone. That is how we plan on number of meals, and why we cut off online registration the weekend before the Tuesday meeting. Please consider this and register ahead of time if possible. Keep in mind, if you are a walk in, we do our best to accommodate, and you may not receive a meal if the facility has none to serve. So, please register in advance whenever possible.

We can always use additional help on the SLC. Keep in mind, this volunteer work will be rewarded with additional RUs. The more people we have helping, the less the burden on the individuals already involved. If you are interested in helping your section please contact any SLC member or myself. We always have tasks that need completing and can find jobs (big or small) for any volunteer.

Our current SLC list is here:

http://asq-foxvalley.org/content.php?page=Leadership_Committee

Thank you for being a member. Remember, next dinner meeting is Tuesday, May 1st.

Thomas Kozlowski

ASQ Section 1208 Fox Valley Chair 2018/2019

Job Submissions

Job submissions should be sent to ASQ.org for effective distribution and effective results from a much larger audience than what the Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 can provide.

If you want to network about a local Quality position, send contact and basic job description information to help@asq-foxvalley.org. The section leaders will share your information.

ASQ Benefit for Unemployed Members

Unemployed ASQ members receive a discount on their membership dues based on consecutive years of membership.

If you've been unemployed for at least 90 days and are a Full, Senior or Fellow Member, you may qualify for a discount of between 50 – 100% of your dues.

To review the eligibility requirements, visit <http://asq.org/members/account/unemployment.html> (ASQ login and password needed to access this information). The *Unemployment Program Application* can be found at <http://rube.asq.org/members/leadership/mbrapp/unemployment.pdf> (member login and password also needed).

Accountability Group for Members in Transition

The Networking and Placement Committee at Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 would like to offer a valuable service to the Quality Professionals in the Fox Valley area looking for career opportunities.

Membership is currently open for unemployed & under-employed job seekers in an Accountability Group meeting at Central DuPage/Northwestern Memorial Hospital Cafeteria in Winfield. The benefit of a career search group is that job seekers network, encourage and support each other to keep motivated and on task in what might otherwise become a very un-structured time. Online resources are only part of the career search. It's easy to get lured into an unproductive vortex. Job boards can be valuable, but if you really want to stand out, you'll want to nurture relationships in-person, reach out and talk with people face-to-face.

Ø TRY THE 5-4-3-2-1 Weekly activity list

Five - Quality job applications, well researched company with an open position that fits your skills and experience

Four - One-on-one networking coffee's, introductions

Three - Networking / Job Club meetings

Two - Personal improvement activities; gym, volunteer, read a book or professional magazine (What are you doing to make yourself better?)

One - Interview, phone or in-person

NOTE: If you consistently do steps 1 through 4, number 5 will happen.

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Dr. Manu Vora
Chairman & President, Business Excellence, Inc USA

Dr. Vora received his B.Tech. (Honors) in chemical engineering from IIT (BHU) in 1968, M.S. (1970) and Ph.D. (1975) in Chemical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, and MBA with Marketing Management (1985). He is a Past Vice President of ASQ, ASQ Fellow, and Certified Quality Engineer. He is a sought-after speaker on business excellence and quality management with over 750 presentations globally and published over 70 scholarly articles in professional journals. Since 2012 he has written 50 blog posts as an ASQ Influential Voice. In 2013 he delivered two TEDx Talks including TEDxIITBHU Talk on "Leveraging Social Responsibility to Unite the World". He received Tata Scholarship for graduate work in US.

Dr. Vora is the Chairman and President of Business Excellence, Inc., a global quality management firm with over 43 years of leadership experience in guiding Fortune 500 companies with the US Baldrige Performance Excellence framework. For over 25 years as an Adjunct Faculty he has taught Operations Management courses at various business schools globally. He offered "Project Management for Organizational Excellence", a GIAN course approved by the MHRD-GOI in August-September 2016 at IIT (BHU). He is connected with 80 educational institutes world-wide. Since 2013 he has taught soft skills using technology to 675,000 people.

Manu Vora, continued

He is an appointed Fulbright Specialist by the U.S. Department of State and completed Fulbright project in 2018. He is a Senior Examiner for the Asia Pacific Global Performance Excellence Award Program from 2014. He has received 5 medals from ASQ. He received 2015 BHU Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2015 & 2000 Paul Harris Fellow Medal from Rotary International, 2012 IIT Chicago Alumni Medal, 2011 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and 2010 US President's Volunteer Service Award. Since 1989 he is a Founding Director & President of Blind Foundation for India and his team has raised over \$4 million to serve one million blind people in India.

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Email David at drmsbb@gmail.com for more information. Include city/town, occupation, email address, telephone number and what time of the day you prefer to attend a meeting: Morning-Afternoon-Evening.

SAVE THE DATE

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
THURSDAY September 6, 2018	TBD	Wolfgang Urhahn	Product Stewardship
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	TBD	Lauren Milligan	Linkedin
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, December 4, 2018	TBD	Dick Riederer	Feed My Starving Children – A Case Study

Tours

Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 is looking for opportunities to sponsor Quality Tours in the Fox Valley Area.

We want to offer the benefit of Quality professionals available to offer fresh eyes and ideas to help companies with their Quality challenges.

What are we looking for?

Companies that would like to have 25-30 pairs of fresh Quality eyes visit their operations for networking and dialogue on Quality applications, tactical ideas and new exposure of the great companies in the Fox Valley Area.

What do we need?

Fox Valley Section members that can sponsor a tour at their company or business site.

What is our goal?

Provide a Quality networking and educational event that is a win-win opportunity for both Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 membership and companies in the Fox Valley Area.

What is needed for a tour?

Tours are most productive when there are Quality contacts working at the company to assist with completing the details. Generally, it is best if it is an area that doesn't require extensive safety gear or high security restrictions. New projects and continuous improvements implementation are great opportunities for Quality feedback and networking exchanges. Early evening tours allow for good participation for our membership who work during the day.

Contact help@asq-foxvalley.org to pursue this opportunity.



Upcoming Education Web Interactive Offerings

Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) Exam Prep Course April 16 th – May 21 st	Six, 3-Hour Sessions	Mondays	4-7 p.m.
Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) Exam Prep Course April 16 th – May 21 st	Six, 3-Hour Sessions	Mondays	4-7 p.m.
Project Management Fundamentals Workshop April 20 th	One, 3-Hour Session	Friday	1-4 p.m.
Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB) Exam Prep Course April 24 th – May 29 th	Six, 3-Hour Sessions	Tuesdays	6-9 p.m.
Project Management Certificate Web Interactive Course April 27 th & May 4 th & May 11 th	Three, 3-Hours Sessions	Fridays	1-4 p.m.
Certified Supplier Quality Professional (CSQP) Exam Prep Course May 9 th – June 20 th	Six, 3-Hour Sessions	Wednesdays	4-7 p.m.
Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB) Exam Prep Course May 10 th – June 21 st	Six, 3-Hour Sessions	Thursdays	4-7 p.m.
Risk Management Web interactive Workshop May 18 th	One, 3-Hour Session	Friday	1-4 p.m.

Contact education@asq-foxvalley.org for more information. March 28, 2018