



Newsletter



FOX VALLEY SECTION

March, 2015 1

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 03, 2015 at:

**COURTYARD BANQUETS
3S200 State Route 59
Warrenville, IL**

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

Work Safely/Produce Quality (Pre-Dinner)

By Jack Wheatley

Navigating OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative

(After Dinner)

By Jack Wheatley

Menu:

- Tossed Garden Salad
- Filet Mignon and Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce
- Coffee, Tea available

- Vegetarian option: Vegetarian Lasagna

- Cash bar

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Program Details

Work Safely/Produce Quality Pre-dinner

- Overview of top 5 safety citations/penalties for manufacturing from 10/2013-9/2014.
- Summary review of lockout/tagout - safeguarding employees from the unexpected energization or startup of machinery and equipment, or the release of hazardous energy.
- Case Study - lockout/tagout - ***Automotive Component Lubrication Robotics***

Navigating OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative - An Employer's Responsibility and Opportunity Post-dinner

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Message from the Chair

Members & Colleagues,

An unfortunate fatal workplace accident occurred locally on 02/20/15 at a machinery company. A worker was welding on metal machinery when a 200-gallon air tank, being tested for leaks, exploded. The worker suffered severe traumatic injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. Local news media stated that this *workplace* accident remains under investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

This accident is a shocking reminder to all of us that work injuries, illnesses and fatalities can affect every aspect of life for workers and their families. Aside from the financial costs, there's no way to know the value of the quality of life lost to injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

A safe and healthy workplace environment not only protects workers from injury and illness, it can also lower injury/illness costs, reduce absenteeism and turnover, increase productivity and quality, and raise employee morale. In other words, safety is good for business and protecting workers is the right thing to do.

The cost of injury prevention is far less than the cost of an injury. A safe and healthy workplace attracts and retains quality employees. It's an asset to a community, operates more efficiently and enjoys a healthy bottom line. The business and the workers thrive in a safe, healthy, respectful and caring environment.

The topic for the next upcoming member meeting on March 3, 2015 will be on "work safety" and "OSHA". This is a reminder and "wake-up call" to all of us that every effort needs to be made to ensure the prevention of accidents and to preserve each individual's health and safety, both at work and at home. We look forward to this timely and informative presentation.

The ASQ Illiana section recently hosted their 8th Annual Quality Conference on 01/30/15. This was an outstanding conference, with Bill Troy - CEO, ASQ International, as the keynote and inspirational speaker. There were several break-out sessions, and an excellent opportunity to meet and network with other like-minded quality professionals. This is an excellent local conference that is very affordable, and RU are issued for recertification. We look forward towards the 2016 conference.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Member Meeting at the Courtyard Banquets (Warrenville) on **March 3, 2015**.

Hector Rodriguez,
Fox Valley Section 1208 - Chair

630-947-6475 (cell)

ASQ Certification Programs

NEW!!! ASQ Fox Valley Section 1208 Healthcare Segment

If you would like to join the healthcare committee, please contact Chuck Gates at education@asq-foxvalley.org

On-site Programs Available at a Discount Rate

Contact Chuck Gates at education@asq-foxvalley.org for a proposal.

Military Veterans and Active Military Receive a 50% Course Fee Discount

The discount applies to any course or workshop that is conducted by the ASQ Fox Valley Section 1208. Contact Chuck Gates at education@asq-foxvalley.org for details.

See page 6 for course schedule

Job Submissions

Quality based jobs submitted to Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 will be placed into the Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 LinkedIn Group site in the discussions section. Membership in this LinkedIn Group is open to all Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 Members. Join us to start discussions, ask Quality questions and post/view Quality based jobs submitted to us.

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3888168&trk=my_groups-b-grp-v

Accountability Group for Members in Transition

At previous section programs, several people have indicated interest in a "Quality" based Accountability Group/Job Search Work Team in the Fox Valley area. Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 is open to sponsoring a group at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield. Membership is open to unemployed and under-employed job seekers that want to stay motivated and on track in their job search. 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.

You can try some of these tips:

- Invite one or more of your past colleagues for a mini-reunion over coffee or after-hours drinks.
- Check in with a past manager to see what's new.
- Celebrate with people in your network who have changed jobs or have work anniversaries. Just monitor your LinkedIn home feed for news and updates.
- Invite people in your network to attend professional association meetings or other networking events.
- Get into a supportive career search group and network into companies before submitting applications.

To join: Email David at drmssbb@gmail.com with your name, city/town, email address and phone number.

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On April 29, 2013, OSHA launched the Temporary Worker Initiative (TWI) in order to help prevent work-related injuries and illnesses among temporary workers. The purpose of this initiative is to increase OSHA's focus on temporary workers in order to highlight employers' responsibilities to ensure these workers are protected from workplace hazards. This Initiative focuses on compliance with safety and health requirements when temporary workers are employed under the joint (or dual) employment of a staffing agency and a host employer.

Jack Wheatley
Business Development Manager
Nectir Chicago
Speaker

Jack Wheatley is currently the Business Development Manager for Nectir Chicago. He has 12 years' experience in developing and operating temporary placement and staffing companies. Training his workforce in safety has always been a passion. He earned his BA in Finance from North Central College. Jack is a Certified OSHA Trainer and conducts training and outreach courses.

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).

Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 LinkedIn Group

The Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 LinkedIn Group is continuing to grow and jobs are listed in the group as they come from the group membership. Be sure to select the notify box in your preferences if you want email notices of Discussions & Jobs.

Membership in the Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 LinkedIn Group is open to all Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 Members. Join us to start discussions, ask Quality questions and post/view Quality based jobs submitted to us.

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2015 Meeting Dates and Locations

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday, February 3, 2015	Jimmy's Char House (Elgin)	Colonel (Ret.) Jill Morgenthaler	Leadership
Tuesday, March 3, 2015	Copurtyard Banquets (Warrenville)	Jack Wheatly	OSHA
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	Lincoln Inn (North Aurora)	Elene Cafasso & Diana Atkins	Coaching Skills for Leaders
Tuesday, May 5, 2015	St. Andrews (West Chicago)	Mohammed Khan TBD	Scholarship TBD
Tuesday, September 1, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, October 6, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, November 3, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, December 1, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our certification chairman is looking for volunteers to help with the administration of the ASQ certification exams. The ASQ certification exam dates for 2015 are 03/07, 06/06, 10/03 and 12/05. We need registration assistants from 7:00 AM- 8:30 AM, and assistant proctors from 7:00 AM-Noon. RU certificates will be awarded, which can be used towards your re-certification. The 2015 exams will be held in Elgin and Sugar Grove. If interested, please contact our certification chair ASAP with your name and email address at certification@asq-foxvalley.org. Thank you

ASQ Fox Valley Upcoming Certification Classes

Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) Exam Review Course

Course Description: This course is intended to prepare candidates to take the ASQ CQA Exam. The Certified Quality Auditor is a professional who understands the standards and principles of auditing and the auditing techniques of examining, questioning, evaluating, and reporting to determine a quality system's adequacy and deficiencies. The Certified Quality Auditor analyzes all elements of a quality system and judges its degree of adherence to the criteria of industrial management and quality evaluation and control systems. Study materials can be purchased at www.qualitycouncil.com and the Exam Fee can be paid at www.asq.org

Dates: Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, and May 21, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Waubensee Community College Aurora Campus, Room 244

Course Fee: \$999 Contact ehurley@waubensee.edu to register for the course.

Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) Exam Review Course

Course Description: The course is intended to prepare candidates to take the ASQ CQE Exam. The following body of knowledge is included: management and leadership, quality systems, product & process design and control, testing & measurement, control & management tools, basic statistics, statistical applications, and advanced statistics. Study materials can be purchased at

www.qualitycouncil.com and the Exam Fee can be paid at www.asq.org

Dates: Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, and May 18, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Waubensee Community College Aurora Campus, Room 244

Course Fee: \$999 Contact ehurley@waubensee.edu to register for the course.

DePaul University Six Sigma Black Belt 40-Hour Certificate Course

Course Description: The course is designed for those who wish to develop the critical skills required for a black belt certificate. During this 12-week online program you will be trained in statistical analysis, financial analysis, problem solving and project management while working on a project that will provide you with an opportunity to utilize these skills. Study materials can be purchased at

www.qualitycouncil.com

Dates: Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and July 13, 2015

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Location: Online Web Interactive

Course Fee: \$3,800 Contact Eilish McDonagh at emcdonag@depaul.edu to register for the course.

2015 Certification Exam Dates

Exam Date	Application Deadline	Late Application
Bio-Medical Auditor		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
Calibration Technician		
6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
HACCP Auditor		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
CMQ/OE		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
SSMBB		
3/7/2015 To apply for the Master Black Belt exam your portfolio application must have been submitted by the November 7, 2014 deadline.	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
10/3/2015 Portfolio Deadline: 6/5/2015 Once your application has been reviewed you will be sent an invitation to register for the exam.	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
Pharma GMP		
6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Quality Auditor		
6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Quality Engineer		
6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Quality Improvement Associate		
6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Quality Inspector		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
Quality Process Analyst		

2015 Certification Exam Dates (cont.)

6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
Quality Technician		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
Reliability Engineer		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
SSBB		
7-Mar-15	16-Jan-15	21-Jan-15
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
SSGB		
6-Jun-15	17-Apr-15	22-Apr-15
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15
SS Yellow Belt		
3-Oct-15	14-Aug-15	19-Aug-15
Software Quality Engineer		
5-Dec-15	16-Oct-15	21-Oct-15

FREE FAMILY FUN!

Join us for a fun, free, family interactive event providing children and adults the opportunity to experience and explore the many fields of science and engineering through displays and presentations.

The **31st Annual Engineers Week Expo** is geared toward children in kindergarten through 8th grades, however, all ages will enjoy the event!



Scheduled displays and presentations include:

- Mr. Freeze Cryogenics Show*
- LEGO® Skyscraper Build
- ZOOM® and Design Squad
- Civil Air Patrol
- DuPage Children's Museum
- Wooden Tower Destruction
- ILCHIP (child identification program), **and more!**

*Event requires tickets to enter.

Free tickets available day of the event, on-site, while supplies last.



Engineering New Horizons

Saturday, February 28, 2015

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

IIT Alumni —

call for info on a special alumni breakfast!

Illinois Institute of Technology
Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Campus
201 East Loop Road
Wheaton, IL 60189

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