



# Newsletter



**FOX VALLEY SECTION**

**May, 2014 1**

## General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on

**Tuesday, May 06, 2014 at:**

**St. Andrews Golf &  
Country Club**  
2241 Route 59  
West Chicago, IL  
630.231.3131

**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

### Scholarship Presentation (Pre-Dinner)

By Mohammed Khan

### Improv for Better Communication (After Dinner)

By Richard Oberbruner

### Menu:

- Apple Crusted Pork Loin
- Cream of Broccoli Soup
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Maple Glazed Carrots
- Garden Salad
- Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
- Cash bar
- Vegetarian option available

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## Program Details

### Scholarship Presentation

#### Pre-dinner

For more than 20 consecutive years, the ASQ Fox Valley Section has been awarding scholarships to deserving and high performing undergraduate and college bound students. The Scholarship Committee has once again succeeded in this comprehensive search to determine this year's nominees. Mohammad Khan, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, will present a brief overview of the selection process, and more importantly, we will get a chance to meet the nominees and to hear some excerpts from their essays on "The importance of quality products and/or services to the future of our country".

### Improv for Better Communication Post-dinner

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## Message from the Chair

Members & Colleagues,

The month of April has been a very busy month for the Fox Valley section. In early April, the section hosted the annual ASQ Region 12 meeting and training. Section leaders from nine (9) sections throughout the midwest, totaling 44 people attended the meeting/training, held at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Rice Campus in Wheaton. There were several presentations and group discussion that covered topics such as section business planning, financial controls, membership, member leader engagement, and learning about available ASQ resources. The section leaders that attended were able to gain knowledge and information to help their respective sections, including the section leaders from the Fox Valley section. We look forward to next years' annual Region 12 meeting.

Another successful event was the plant tour of the Caterpillar Inc. facility in Aurora/Montgomery. The tour was very interesting as well as educational, seeing the manufacturing of wheel loaders, wheel dozers, and landfill/soil compactors. Caterpillar strives to build quality into their manufacturing processes and add value to their customers, which was evident, as observed throughout the plant. There was a presentation on quality and on-going process improvements that highlight the excellent work and effort completed by Caterpillar. I would like to thank Jonathan Shafer, a section leadership committee member and Caterpillar employee, for helping making this tour possible.

The Section Leadership Committee (SLC) continues to work hard to plan and schedule another plant tour in the fall. If you know of a company/plant that is willing to allow our section to tour their facility, please forward the contact information so we can plan and coordinate a tour. Feedback from tours has been very positive.

The Scholarship committee has been working hard to review the applications submitted. There is a thorough review process and documented criteria used for the selection of the scholarship winners. The two scholarships will be awarded at the next member meeting, at the **St. Andrews Country Club** (West Chicago) on **May 6, 2014**. I look forward to seeing you there.

Hector Rodriguez,  
Chair - Section 1208

**Do not follow where  
the path may lead.  
Go instead where there  
is no path and leave a  
trail.**

— *Harold R. McAlindon*

## 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](mailto:education@asq-foxvalley.org)

### On-site Programs Available at a Discount Rate

Contact Chuck Gates at [education@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto: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](mailto:education@asq-foxvalley.org) for details.

*See page for course schedule*

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

## Accountability Group for Members in Transition

At the last Section 1208 Quality program April 1<sup>st</sup> several people 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](mailto:drmssbb@gmail.com) with your name, city/town, email address and phone number.

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We all know improv as an entertainment tool. It can also be used as an effective communication tool at work. Whether you're looking for new ideas, less ego/more teamwork or laughter to relieve stress, improv has the power to cover them all.

There are 5 essential elements to improv. This presentation will bring them to life!

### **Richard Oberbruner** Speaker

ROI: Richard Oberbruner Improv builds brighter workplace teams through the 5 Elements of Improv: Trust, Communication, Acceptance, Building, Spontaneity. Trained at the famous Second City Theater in Chicago, Richard facilitates activities that bring out the dormant brilliance in people. No two presentations are alike. He also has a background in Adult Education and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin.



## **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).

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## **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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## Course Schedule at Waubensee Community College

Course	Dates	Time
Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) Exam Review	Mar19, Mar26, Apr2, Apr9, Apr16, Apr23	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Review	Apr1, Apr8, Apr15, Apr22, Apr29, May6	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB) Exam Review	Apr3, Apr10, Apr17, May1, May 8, May15	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Review	May27, June3, June10, June17, June24, July1	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB) Exam Review	June4, June11, June18, June25, July2, July9	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE)	June12, June19, June26, July3, July10, July17	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## Course at the Valley Industrial Association

Course	Dates	Time
Project Management Fundamentals	May2, May9, May16	8:00 am to Noon

## Interactive Web Courses

Course	Dates	Time
Lean Bronze Certification (LBC) Exam Review	May8, May15, May22, May29, June5, June12	9:00 to 11:00 am
Certified Manufacturing Engineer (CMfgE) Exam Review	May8, May15, May22, May29, June5, June12, June19, July3, July10, July17	Noon to 2:00 pm

Contact Chuck Gates at [education@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto:education@asq-foxvalley.org) for details.

## 2014 Meeting Dates and Locations

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday, February 4, 2014	Millrose	Cecilia Clark	Leadership, Goals & Teams
Tuesday, March 4, 2014	Villa Olivia	Peter Ackroyd	Surface Finish & Form
Tuesday, April 1, 2014	Lincoln Inn	Dr. Curt Wegner	Dr. Deming's Theory of Management
April 14, 2014	Caterpillar	Tour	Tour & Presentation/Discussion
Tuesday, May 6, 2014	St. Andrews Country Club	Mohammad Khan & Richard Oberbruner	Scholarship and Improv for Better Communication
Tuesday, September 2, 2014	TBD	Dr. Wayne Taylor	Statistics
Tuesday, October 7, 2014	TBD	Thomas Gehrke	Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing
Tuesday, November 4, 2014	TBD	Dr. Manu Vora	TBD
Tuesday, December 2, 2014	TBD	TBD	TBD

**We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, therefore, is not an  
act but a habit.**

— Aristotle

**ASQ CERTIFICATION EXAM SCHEDULE**  
**ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**APR-DEC 2014**

	<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Late Application Fee (\$50) Deadline</b>
<a href="#"><u>Biomedical Auditor</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Calibration Technician</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014
<a href="#"><u>HACCP Auditor</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Master Black Belt</u></a>	October 4, 2014	Portfolio Deadline: June 6, 2014  Exam Application Deadline: Aug 15, 2014	Portfolio Deadline: N/A for Portfolio  Exam Application Deadline: Aug 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Pharmaceutical GMP Professional</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Quality Auditor</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Quality Engineer</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014

	<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Late Application Fee (\$50) Deadline</b>
<a href="#"><u>Quality Improvement Associate</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Quality Inspector</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Quality Process Analyst</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Quality Technician</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Reliability Engineer</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Six Sigma Black Belt</u></a>	October 4, 2014	August 15, 2014	August 20, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Six Sigma Green Belt</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014
<a href="#"><u>Software Quality Engineer</u></a>	June 7, 2014	April 18, 2014	April 23, 2014
	December 6, 2014	October 17, 2014	October 22, 2014