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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

For those of you that didn't attend January's business meeting, you certainly missed out on what I thought was a delightful evening. The report-outs by the board members were a small part of the night; the more enjoyable part of the evening, at least for me, was the conversations with fellow members before and during dinner. While networking with fellow quality professionals is one of our objectives, it is always nice to learn what people's interests are beyond ASQ. One of the perks the board decided to provide that night were free drink coupons to all that showed up. While this wasn't intended to promote a party-like atmosphere, it did allow us to relax and enjoy the evening. I want to say "Thank you" to Kim Bernas making the arrangements and printing up the coupons.

So besides those frivolities, one of the primary activities of the January meeting is report on the state of the section. In my view, the section is in great shape in terms of finances. However, while we have plenty of money to run the section, we have seen a decline in membership. I announced at the meeting a couple of initiatives we are exploring to hopefully curb this decline. One is distribute a survey to get feedback from the membership on how we can make the dinner meetings more attractive. We generally have about 10 to 15 percent of the members attend any dinner meeting. Since this is our major "product", the board wants to make sure we are meeting our "customer's" expectations. Second, we plan to make the March dinner meeting an "Invite a Quality Professional" recruitment effort. We are hoping you will invite someone to this meeting who is not a member of ASQ but is someone who may benefit from becoming a member of our organization. More details will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter. Third, we are exploring the notion of our section sponsoring a FREE quality seminar in the next 12 months. This half-day to full-day seminar will likely be on a current quality "hot topic". As we flesh this out more, I will share more specifics.

The second main activity of the January meeting is a solicitation of members who wish to volunteer their time and talent for board positions. Some board members have been in their positions for a long time and would like to afford the opportunity for others to join the board. The nomination process for board membership will continue until the February dinner meeting. Don Herz, who is our Nominating Chair, will have more to say about this later in the newsletter.

Remember to reserve your spot for any future meetings at our website (<http://www.asq-illiana.org>). You will also find copies of past newsletters, contact information, plus a membership application if you know of anyone who is interested in joining ASQ. We look forward to seeing you soon at a dinner meeting.

Steven Schuelka  
Chairperson

**Mission Statement**

Illiana Section 1213—ASQ is dedicated to advancing the principles and practices of quality control for the benefit of its members, the Society, local business and industry, the education sector, and the community.

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**Additional RU's Offered Before the Dinner**

The board has decided to offer a "Pre-Meeting" session before the regular dinner meeting which will allow you to earn an additional 0.3 RU's. If you have a suggestion for future topics, please let the board know.

**February Meeting**

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Location: Popolanos  
17940 Torrence Avenue  
Lansing, IL 60438  
(708) 474-0425

Time: 6:00 p.m.— Registration  
6:30 p.m.— Dinner  
7:30 p.m.— Program

SPEAKER: Dan Lowery Ph.D.  
Calumet College of St. Joseph

TOPIC: Application of Quality Principles in the Federal Government

COST: \$20.00

PLEASE RSVP ASAP – NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOON, 02/23/07  
GO TO THE WEBSITE (<http://www.asq-illiana.org/>)

**Certification Tests**

<u>Exam List</u>	<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Appl. Deadline</u>
<b>2007</b>		
<i>CQT/CRE/CFI/CHA/CBA/CMQ OE/CSSBB</i>	<i>March 3</i>	<i>January 12</i>
<i>CQE/CQA/CSQE/CQIA/CCT/CQPA/CSSGB</i>	<i>June 2</i>	<i>April 6</i>
<i>CQT/CRE/CFI/CHA/CBA/CMQ OE/CSSBB</i>	<i>October 20</i>	<i>August 17</i>
<i>CQE/CQA/CSQE/CQIA/CCT/CQPA/CSSGB</i>	<i>December 1</i>	<i>October 5</i>

The location for the 2007 exams has yet to be confirmed.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact your Board Members or ASQ.



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## Meeting Agenda for 2006/2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>ASQ Contact</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
10/24/2006	Larry Sprengel	PRECONTROL - statistical subject	<u>Chef Klaus - Bier Stube</u> 679 Lagrange Road. Frankfort, Il 60423 815-469-0940	Randahl (Randy) Hulina Total Quality Solutions
11/14/2006	Kin Bernas	LEAN MANUFACTURING	Ciao's (216th + Main St.) 3613 West 216th Street Matteson, IL 60443 708-481-6510	Kevin Douglas— Federal Signal
12/12/2006	Lloyd M. Welch	Bitzer's Products - Plant Tour. (manufacturer of machine parts) <u>This tour is limited to the 1st 20 to register</u>	2714 South Ninth Avenue Broadview, IL 60155 PH 708-345-0795	Bill Sturgeon
1/23/2007	Steve Schuelka	Section Business + Elections Free to Illiana Members	Sanfratello's 127 Main Street Glenwood, IL 60425 (708) 758-5500	Illiana Board Members
<b>2/27/2007</b>	<b>Pam Hale</b>	<b>Application of Quality Principles in the Federal Government</b>	<b>Popolanos</b> <b>17940 Torrence Avenue</b> <b>Lansing, IL 60438</b> <b>(708) 474-0425</b>	<b>Dan Lowery</b> <b>Ph.D. Calumet</b> <b>College of St. Joseph</b>
3/27/2007	Pam Hale	Data rich Information Poor (D.R.I.P) business environment - the next quality frontier	Kenootz Pizzeria & Banquet 4648 W. 147th Street Midlothian, Il 60445 708-824-0005	Angsuman Dutta & Ramon Nayar
4/24/2007		Calibration Procedure Writing - How to write & validate procedures	Chef Klaus - Bier Stube 679 Lagrange Road. Frankfort, Il 60423 815-469-0940	J. Brent Snoddy Assessor for L-A-B & A2LA
5/22/2007		Quality and Reliability of the Space Shuttle Program <u>Pre-Mtg.</u> Virtual Tour of the Space Center	Glenwood Oaks 106 N. Main Street Glenwood, IL 60425 (708) 758-4400	Steve Schuelka

## MEETING LOGISTICS

### Directions

**From North:** Take I-294 South to merge with I-80 east, follow east past I-94 to Torrence Avenue South exit. South on Torrence Avenue about 0.5 miles. Popolanos is on the right side (west) just before the intersection with Thornton Lansing Road.

**From West:** I-80 East to Torrence Avenue South and follow above directions.

**From South:** Take I-57 North to junction at I-57/I-80, go East on I-80 to Torrence Avenue South and follow above directions.

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## **YOUR SECTION NEEDS YOU!**

We are seeking ASQ Illiana members who are interested in personal and professional growth to volunteer for / join the ASQ Illiana Board. Several positions are open for the 2007-2008 year. The time commitment is minimal, you meet interesting people and even learn something.

If you would consider volunteering or even if you just have a few questions please contact me at donherz@comcast.net.

Thank you,  
Donald Herz  
Nomination Chair

### **Networking Opportunity**

The Illiana section of ASQ is interested in sponsoring a breakfast forum for Quality Management professionals in this area. This forum is intended to provide an opportunity for discussion about shared quality issues and concerns. If interested in attending such a meeting contact an Steven Schuelka [sjschuelka@yahoo.com] or any Section 1213 board member.

**ILLIANA MEMBERS PLEASE UPDATE ASQ WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM YOUR SECTION.**

**REMEMBER TO CHECK THE ILLIANA WEBSITE MONTHLY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SECTION NEWSLETTERS !!**

## **ILLIANA SECTION 1213 UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Application of Quality Principles in the Federal Government**

**Dan Lowery Ph.D**

Calumet College of St. Joseph

**February 27, 2007 beginning at 6:00 P.M.**

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