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Message from the Chair

First, Some ASQ News.

If you have not heard about one of the latest changes coming from ASQ, it is called the "ASQ Living Community Model". It represents a significant change in how ASQ views their membership. The following is a quote from an article on the ASQ website, written by the ASQ Chair, Mr. Ken Case.

"The new model maintains the traditional values of ASQ membership, yet builds on it by offering a variety of new and enhanced member types and benefits suited to all interested in the practice and/or profession of quality. The Living Community Model approach advances ASQ's Vision as the community of choice for everyone who seeks quality technology, concepts or tools to improve themselves and their world."

One of the biggest changes is the different membership options available. These options should appeal to those people who might not be a quality professional, but might still be interested in some aspects of ASQ. One nice aspect about this is that the dues for some of these new membership options are significantly reduced. For example a "Forum" membership is only \$29 per year. That is a major savings from the "Regular" membership fee of \$109.

If you know of some people who might be interested in this kind of membership, please refer them to ASQ headquarters or suggest they contact one of the ASQ-Illiana board members.

I would suggest going to the ASQ website at <http://www.asq.org> and checking out the rest of the article.

In other news, the NIQC steering committee met to start organizing the 2004 Northern Illinois Quality Conference. The dates have been tentatively set for November 7th, 8th and 9th. I have been an advocate of NIQC for several years now. It is an excellent local conference that represents a good value for your registration money. NIQC is sponsored by five local ASQ sections. Ms. Pam Hale and Mr. Charlie Schmidt will be representing the ASQ-Illiana section on the steering committee. If you would like to plan ahead, mark your calendars now.

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.

(Message from the Chair, cont'd)

I would like to thank Mr. Steve Schuelka for speaking on "Quality in Health Care" at the February general meeting. He presented a very interesting view of how quality works in the medical profession. It was especially interesting to see how Mr. Scheulka applied ideas from his background as a Quality Professional in the Steel Industry to challenges in the healthcare environment.

Our March general meeting is at the Holiday Inn in Matteson on March 23rd. Ms Denise Rzonca will be speaking on "Quality in a Lean Office".

Plan To Attend 1213 Dinner Meetings

MEETING LOGISTICS

Date: March 23 2004

Speaker: Danny Stocker

Topic: Quality in a Lean Office

As a part of the Business & Career Center Staff as a Business Specialist Danny Stocker will be presenting an overview of the topic "Quality in a Lean Office". As a Professional Engineer Danny will use his varied background to fill us in on this interesting topic. Danny is also a representative of Chicago Manufacturing Center.

MEETING LOGISTICS

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Place: Holiday Inn – Matteson, IL
I-57 & Lincoln Highway (IL route 30)
708-747-3500

Time: 6:00 P.M. Meeting Registration Starts
6:30/6:45 Dinner

Directions: From North: Take either Harlem Avenue (Route 43) or I-57 South to Lincoln Hwy (Rte 30) exit Eastbound to Access Road to Holiday Inn about 500 feet. Holiday Inn is on your Right.

From South: Take either Harlem Avenue (Rte 43) or I-57 North to Lincoln Hwy (Rte 30) exit Eastbound to Access Road to Holiday Inn, about 300 feet. Holiday Inn is on your Right.

Illiana Section 1213 hopes to see you at this meeting

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