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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Illiana Section Members,

Hopefully, everyone is back in the swing of things as the school year should be in full gear, especially if you have kids or grandkids. The weather is also apparently starting to change as I write this as I doubt the highs will reach 65 degrees on this day. I wish I could say that in the introduction for the February newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who attended the September meeting on the Principles of Lean and Six Sigma. Francisco Pulgar-Vidal gave a wonderful talk which was very well received. Save the date for our 10th annual Illiana Conference which will be on January 20, 2017 at Prairie State College. The focus will be on Lean and other Quality tools. We are still looking for more conference corporate sponsorships. Please consider approaching your company on this subject. It will give them visibility and awareness to all attendees that their company is quality focused.

The next Illiana meeting is on October 18th at Tru BBQ in Munster, IN. Please make a reservation and join us. More details on the meeting can be found on the ASQ Illiana website.

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October Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

5:50 p.m.: Pre-meeting Session (setting up, early networking)

6:00 p.m.: Registration and Networking

6:30 p.m.: Dinner

7:30 p.m.: Presentation

Location: True BBQ & Whiskey Bar

8940 Calumet Ave.

Munster, IN 46321

(219) 836-2122

Menu Selections:

Appetizer: House Smoked Pulled Pork Sliders with goat cheese, greens, and a raspberry BBQ sauce.

Side Salad

Entrees (Choose One): Smoked Beef Brisket, BBQ Grilled Chicken Breast, or Dry Rubbed

Atlantic Salmon

Sides (Choose One): Yukon Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans, or White Cheddar

Mac-N-Cheese

Desserts (Choose One): Pecan Pie or Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Beverages (included): diet and non-diet sodas, coffee, iced tea, and hot tea. * CASH BAR

Cost: \$25.00

Please register by end of business day on Monday, October 17th, 2016 at:

<http://asq-illiana.org/reservations/>

Topic: How to Implement Organizational Change Effectively

Speaker: Dr. John N. Kalaras, Ph.D.

Do you want to become an effective ambassador of change? In this meeting, you will learn how value-added change activities may become a great tool for sustainable improvement.

Bio: Dr. Kalaras, the CEO & Founder of Quality Training Institute, has a remarkable career as an ambassador of change, with excellent leadership skills, innovation and creativity. He has assisted organizations in achieving and maintaining Operational Excellence with substantial growth and astonishing profitability. As keen strategist, Dr. Kalaras truly exemplifies the "big picture" thinker, always having the foresight to envision the long-term implications of a plan and offer solutions proactively.

Recipient of numerous awards, Dr. Kalaras has been honored with impressive accolades, such as the White House recognition for Academic Excellence, Lt. Governor of Illinois and State Treasurer's Award for Outstanding Achievements.

Certification Tests

CQT, CQI, CRE, CBA, CHA, CMQ/OE, SSBB, MBB, SSYB, CSQP	
Testing Windows:	Application Deadline
September 1 - October 15, 2016	August 22, 2016* *Online applications only. Paper application deadline passed.
January 6 - 22, 2017	9-Dec-16
March 3 - 19, 2017	3-Feb-17
May 5 - 21, 2017	7-Apr-17
July 7 - 23, 2017	9-Jun-17
September 1 - 17, 2017	4-Aug-17
November 3 - 19, 2017	6-Oct-17
CQA, CQE, CQIA, CSQE, CSSGB, CQPA, CCT, CPGP	
Testing Windows:	Application Deadline
December 1 - 17, 2016	4-Nov-16
February 3 - 19, 2017	6-Jan-17
April 7 - 23, 2017	10-Mar-17
June 2 - 18, 2017	5-May-17
August 4 - 20, 2017	7-Jul-17
October 6 - 22, 2017	8-Sep-17
December 1 - 17, 2017	3-Nov-17

Exam Dates

Please check exam dates & deadlines carefully. ASQ will make no exceptions.

All deadlines are at 11:59 p.m. (Central) on the date specified.

See specific certification program webpages on the ASQ web site for additional Special Administration dates where applicable.

Computer-Based Testing Dates

ASQ certification examinations are delivered by ASQ's testing partner, Prometric. The examination scheduling instructions in your eligibility letter will direct you to a section of Prometric's website, where you can select and schedule your examination date and location.

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.



VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER

Your feedback is important! The Illiana section encourages you to provide feedback about the general meetings, the newsletter, and written or electronic communications. The board members want to know how they can improve and what they are doing right. Email them your ideas or suggestions.

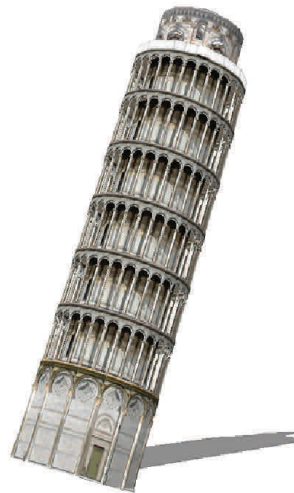
Save the date!

ASQ Illiana 10th Annual Quality Conference

January 20, 2017

**ASQ Illiana
Section 1213
presents**

**LEAN
and other
Quality Tools**



**Save the date
to join us for
this educational
event targeting
manufacturing,
health care,
education and
the food industry.**

Conference Location:

**Prairie State Community College
Conference Center**

202S. Halsted St. Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Visit us at: <http://asq-illiana.org>

CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO

- **Plan the conference**
- **Stuff the goodie bags**
- **Work the registration table**
- **Be a presenter**

<http://asq-illiana.org/reservations/>



2016-2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATE	CONTACT	TOPIC	LOCATION	SPEAKER
9/20/2016	Coline Amaury	Deming Principles for Management - The Basis of Lean	Heroes West Sports Grill 1530 Commerce Lane Joliet, IL 60431	Francisco Pulgar-Vidal
10/18/2016	Coline Amaury	How to implement Organizational Change Effectively	True BBQ & Whiskey Bar 8940 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321 (219) 836-2122	Dr. John N. Kalaras, Ph.D.
11/15/2016	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	TBD
12//2016	Section Chair	Business Meeting	TBD	Board Members
1/20/2017	Conference Chair	ASQ Annual Conference	Prairie State College Chicago Heights, IL	Various
2/21/2017	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	TBD
3//21/17	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	TBD
4/18/2017	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	TBD
5/16/2017	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	TBD

Remember to update ASQ with your current email address in order to receive important information from your section.

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2017 Call for Nominations

Leadership Board Positions

ASQ Illiana Section 1213 offers opportunities to develop leadership skills through voluntary involvement on the board. The Nominating Committee is currently accepting 2017 nominations for elected positions.

Open Positions:

The following are brief descriptions for the two positions which are open for nomination.

Chair

Preside over all section leadership committee and member meetings.
Appoint all standing and additional committee chairs.
Ensure that the section meet the minimum requirements in accordance with ASQ.
Uphold ASQ's bylaws, policies & procedures, and operating agreement.

Daniel J. Mateja is the current Section 1213 Chair.

Secretary

Work in collaboration with the leadership board to set goals to support the section's management process.
Record meeting minutes and communicate activities performed.
Ensure that meeting notices are provided to members in a timely manner.
Prepare agenda showing exact order of business to be conducted, including business carried over from previous meeting.

Keith Gardner is the current Section 1213 Secretary.

The new term for the positions listed above begins January 1 through December 31, 2017.

Instructions:

Nominations require the submission of a signed petition form which will be sent to your email by October 7, 2016.

If you would like to nominate a current member or yourself, please submit names of nominated individuals on the petition form and return via email attachment to Eleanor Wolfram, Nominating Chair, wolf36kuw@yahoo.com no later than October 31, 2016.

The board is very enthusiastic about 2017's upcoming membership activities. So in order to start the New Year with full energetic momentum, the goal is to have all leadership positions filled by December 31, 2016.

For more information or inquiries, please contact Eleanor Wolfram, Nominating Chair, at wolf36kuw@yahoo.com.

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