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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Illiana Section Members,

As we enter the winter homestretch hopefully, we don't have too many bad weather days. January was not too bad, but we do have March and April to look forward to. Believe it or not, the Cubs and White Sox pitchers and catchers have reported to Spring training.

Our 10th annual Illiana Conference held on January 20th was very well received. I personally was very impressed with all the presentations that I attended. The mixture of health care, manufacturing, and laboratories focusing on lean activities and fundamentals was very well suited for the attendees.

The talks were very well prepared, organized, and some engaged the audience with fun participation activities. The conference was the best Illiana Conference that I have attended. We will do everything we can to organize another excellent conference for next year.

Our next dinner meeting will be on February 21, 2017, at Chef Klaus' Bier Stube in Frankfort, IL. Kevin Kensinger will be giving a presentation titled "Inventory is Evil: Another way to manage your supply chain using statistics" which will show us how to incorporate lean principles in daily production schedules. Please make your reservations now and I'll hope to see you there.

Daniel J. Mateja CMQ/OE
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February Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

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 begins

Location: Chef Klaus' Bier Stube

20827 LaGrange Road

Frankfort, IL 60423

(815) 469-0940

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: TBD

Please register by end of business day on Monday, February 20th, 2017 at

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

Topic: Inventory is Evil: Another way to manage your supply chain using statistics

Speaker: Kevin R. Kensinger

Bring your production scheduler to the meeting! The presentation shows how we use histograms and run charts to understand variation in daily customer demand. That deep understanding allows us to incorporate lean principles into daily production scheduling. Histograms and run charts are not just for Quality anymore.

Kevin has over 25 years of experience in consulting and industry, giving him a particularly valuable perspective of business solutions. He has advised Fortune 200 clients, and yet has been on the front lines implementing business solutions as a senior manager within industry. He holds a master's degree in computer information systems from Boston University, along with numerous professional designations, including ASQ Certified Six Sigma Black Belt, CQE, CQA, and Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Has led 400+ continuous improvement teams in a wide range of industries and applied Lean Manufacturing/Six Sigma principles to drive dramatic improvements in on-time performance, customer satisfaction, and cost reduction.

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	Passed
March 3 - 19, 2017	Passed
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	Passed
February 3 - 19, 2017	Passed
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.

Did You Know?

- Illiana Section 1213 has new members. We welcome each of you to Section 1213. Chris Lubben, Matthew Mroz, Adam Roorda, Kevin Lozier, Kira Schuelka, Joe Mitchener, Kelli Schoon-Saxsma, Sharon Miles, and Thomas Miller became members in January and February.

New members did you know that your first dinner meeting is complimentary?

- The attendees of the Illiana Quality Conference donated five boxes of non-perishable food and \$52.00 to The Greater Hammond Community Services.



A BIG thank you to our conference sponsors.

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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	For Me, Effective Application of FMEAs	Theo's Steak and Seafood 9144 Indianapolis Boulevard Highland, IN 46322 (219) 838-8000	Laura Clymore Ellman
12/13/2016	Daniel Mateja	Business Meeting	Parmesans Station 18001 80th Avenue Tinley Park, IL 60477 TBD	Board Members
1/20/2017	Catherine Sandin	2017 ASQ Illiana Quality Conference: "LEAN and other Quality Tools"	Prairie State College Chicago Heights, IL	Various
2/21/2017	Coline Amaury	Inventory is Evil: Another way to manage your supply chain using statistics	Chef Klaus' Bier Stube 20827 LaGrange Road Frankfort, IL 60423	Kevin R. Kensinger
March 2017 (Date is TBD)	Coline Amaury	Plant Tour & Dinner to Follow	Modern Forge Indiana Merrillville, IN	TBD
4/18/2017	Coline Amaury	Lean Hospital Success Stories	Chef Klaus' Bier Stube 20827 LaGrange Road Frankfort, IL 60423	Keith H. Poole
5/16/2017	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	MJ Brenne

