



Newsletter



FOX VALLEY SECTION

December, 2015 1

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on

Tuesday, December 01, 2015 at:

**RIVERSIDE RECEPTIONS
35 N River Lane
Geneva, IL**

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

Social Media and Your Brand (Pre-Dinner)

By Stephanie Wilcox

LinkedIn 101

(After Dinner)

By Stephanie Wilcox

Menu:

- Garden Salad
- Roast Sirloin of Beef with Woodsman Sauce
- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Pasta with Marinara
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Vegetable Medley
- Cinnamon Ice Cream
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf

Cost: \$25.00

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Program Details

Social Media and Your Brand Pre-dinner

Do you have a Brand? How are you using Social media to build and promote your professional brand? Technology is the one skill that all employers say keeps you current so we will be reviewing current popular social media platforms to learn more about how they can be more than "social."

LinkedIn 101 Post-dinner

Are you LinkedIn? Did you know that over 90% of employers use LinkedIn? Two-thirds of recruiters use it in the hiring process. We will learn how to create a professional LinkedIn profile based on your background, how to connect and how

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Message from the Chair

Members & Colleagues,

We are excited about the look of our new website and we thank you for your continued support and understanding during the inaugural launch. The new website was activated in mid-October for the November dinner meeting. Overall, the transition was relatively smooth as expected, with a couple of “minor glitches”. The registration process went well, and we have identified a few areas in the meeting/registration process that need to be further defined and documented in work instruction(s).

The website committee will continue to clean-up and fine-tune the dinner meeting and registration process, as well as defining the process for issuing of the recertification units (RU's) for the dinner meetings. All of the letters for issuance of RU's have been forwarded to the e-mail address provided on the registration form for the November meeting. If you attended the November meeting and need a letter for RU's, please contact me at chair@asq-foxvalley.org.

As a section member, please remember to go to the website, asq-foxvalley.org and go to “Member Area” to set-up your profile. As you navigate through the website and notice any minor glitches or identify areas for improvement needed, please forward any suggestions or feedback so we can continue to improve and further define the website. I want to thank Alan Berow and the entire “website committee members” for your hard work and dedication to making this website possible.

We are in the final stages of completing our 2016 Business Plan and Budget. To-date, the section is on-track and on-schedule with meeting the metrics & goals that have been established in our 2015 business plan, and we are also on-target with the financial budget established as we

continue through the 4th quarter. The ASQ financial budget format has a minimum requirement for “member value” spending, a requirement that the Fox Valley section continues to meet.

The section leadership conducts quarterly reviews of the business plan and monthly reviews of the budget. Our Treasurer, Renee Webb has been working hard to complete the recent 3rd quarter financial report submitted to ASQ and she is beginning to prepare for completing the 2015 year-end financial report. All of the preparation of the financial report and compiling the supporting documentation will be needed for completing the annual financial audit, to be scheduled sometime late-January or early-February 2016. I would like to thank Renee Webb for her continued dedication, patience, and hard work as our section Treasurer.

Part of the business plan is the nomination of officers for the upcoming year. The elected officer slate for 2016 is: John Goerner – Chair, Raj Partha Sarathy – Vice Chair, Amanda Radetski – Secretary, and Renee Webb – Treasurer. Both Amanda and Renee have agreed to continue to serve another year supporting the section in their respective roles. While I am leaving my position as Chair, the section will continue to have strong and dedicated leadership in John and Raj, who have been serving on the board in various positions and they will provide strong on-going leadership. During this transition, I will continue to be involved, supporting both John and Raj in their new positions, as well as continuing to serve our section's efforts and activities.

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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

On-site Programs Available at a Discount Rate

Contact Chuck Gates at 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 for details.

See page 6 for course schedule

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

Accountability Group for Members in Transition

At previous section programs, several people have 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 with your name, city/town, email address and phone number.

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to network with others professionals. Being an active LinkedIn user is crucial to your success.

**Dr. Stephanie Wilcox
Speaker**

A self-prescribed “late bloomer” Stephanie Wilcox has arrived at her career coaching role after 25 years in seven states working in Higher Education. She has served in a variety of roles from Instructor of Career Development to College Vice President with the last 14 years spent working in career development and employment placement. “Having spent many years building relationships within the hiring community to learn what employers want and how to market candidates to meet their needs, I help my clients see the job search and professional branding process from the employer’s perspective to help strengthen client’s success in reaching their career goals.” Stephanie also partners with many academic institutions as a Career Consultant to create strategic processes, train teams and develop workshops on how to cultivate professional relationships.

Having experienced several job transitions herself, Stephanie recognizes that career development is an evolving process that continues to expose one’s unique strengths and true direction. A StrengthsQuest Maximizer and Activator, Stephanie helps her clients build on the experiences, skills and achievements they have acquired thus far. “I am fortunate that my current work as a Career Specialist keeps me continuously connected to the employment community so as hiring processes evolve, I help my clients navigate through the variety of trends, opinions and media platforms

employers are using to find their candidates”

Stephanie is a Global Career Development Facilitator and is a Certified Practitioner for the M.B.T.I. and Strong Assessment Tools. She holds a MA in College Administration with a focus on Counseling and a Certificate for Managing Social Media Platforms.



2015 Meeting Dates and Locations

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday, February 3, 2015	Jimmy's Char-House (Elgin)	Colonel (Ret.) Jill Morgenthaler	Leadership
Tuesday, March 3, 2015	Courtyard Banquets (Warrenville)	Jack Wheatley	OSHA
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	Lincoln Inn (North Aurora)	Elene Cafasso, Diana Atkins, & Ariadne Moisiades	Coaching Skills for Leaders
Tuesday, May 5, 2015	St. Andrews (West Chicago)	Mohammad K. and La Tonja D. Ellis	Scholarship and Quality Workforce & Demographics
Tuesday, September 1, 2015	Nick's Pizza (Elgin)	Scott Stribrny	Risk Management
Tuesday, October 6, 2015	Two-Brothers Roundhouse (Aurora)	George Hickey	Corrective/Preventive Action (CAPA) for Supplier Audits
Tuesday, November 3, 2015	Courtyard Banquets 3S200 State Route 59 Warrenville	Manu Vora	Creative and Innovative Supply Chains in the 21 st Century
Tuesday, December 1, 2015	Riverside Receptions 35 N. River Ln. (Geneva)	Stephanie Wilcox	Social Media & LinkedIn 101

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.

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

Fox Valley Section 1208 Recipient of ASQ Performance Awards & Recognition (PAR) Bronze Award for 2014





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ASQ Web Interactive Exam Review Courses

The ASQ Fox Valley Section 1208 is offering ASQ Certification Exam Preparation Web Interactive Courses.

This is the most convenient way to prepare for an ASQ Certification Exam without traveling.

The web interactive courses are scheduled with instructor-led sessions, projected visuals, and a live audio connection.

Please contact chuckgates@sbcglobal.net to register.

CSSGB ~ CSSBB ~ CQE ~ CMQ/OE ~ CQA ~ CRE ~ CSSYB

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).

Nominations Committee Report Fall 2015—Officers Elected

The ASQ Section 1208 Nominations Committee is pleased to report our Officer Nominations for 2016:

Chair	John Goerner
Chair-Elect	Raj Partha Sarathy
Treasurer	Renee Webb
Secretary	Amanda Radetski

All were elected by unanimous voice vote at our last member meeting on November 3rd 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Kutter, Sr.
Nominations Chair

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We have a strong leadership team in all positions that have been tirelessly active, engaged and dedicated to continue to serve our membership. The section has a few new committee member volunteers which we proudly welcome and we look forward to working with them in their new roles.

I am proud to have served the Fox Valley section as Chair for the last 2-years, and I cherish the role that I have served that allowed me to continue to help grow and develop the section, as well as to grow and develop both personally and professionally, and to be able to meet and interact with you, our members.

All of this would not be possible without the help and assistance of a strong and committed leadership support team from all of the committee members that are actively involved. I want to personally thank all of the section leadership committee members for your commitment, dedication, sacrifice, and hard work behind the scenes to serve the leadership team, and most importantly, to you our section members.

The next member meeting will be at the **Riverside Receptions** (Geneva) on **December 1, 2015**. I look forward to seeing you there.

Hector Rodriguez,

Fox Valley Section 1208 – Chair
(2014/2015)

Congratulations on these Recent Certification

Name	Pass Dat	Test	Certification Name
Carlos C. Atienza III	7-Mar-15	CQT	Certified Quality Technician
Susan Gomez	3/7/2015	CMQ/OE	Certified Manager of Quality and Operational Excellence
Angelica Hughes	3/7/2015	CMQ/OE	Certified Manager of Quality and Operational Excellence
Wendi Maeda	3/7/2015	CRE	Certified Reliability Engineer
Marta Blecharz	3/7/2015	CHA	Certified Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Auditor
Cathie Chapman	3/7/2015	CSSBB	Certified Six Sigma Black Belt
LaKindra K. Pruitt-Grooms	3/7/2015	CSSBB	Certified Six Sigma Black Belt
Eric Jonathan Witte	3/7/2015	CSSBB	Certified Six Sigma Black Belt
Gary W. Ellis	3/7/2015	CSSYB	Certified Six Sigma Yellow Belt
David Wayne Cells	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Carole Cullen	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Carolyn C. Kroll	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
John Leone	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Rensei Mori	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Raymond Patchak	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Mihir Patel	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Jamie Ranallo	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Mark Sortet	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Sean Tedrick	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Eric Jonathan Witte	6/6/2015	CQA	Certified Quality Auditor
Paula Kirby	6/6/2015	CQE	Certified Quality Engineer
Praveen Ramani	6/6/2015	CQE	Certified Quality Engineer
David M. Simmons	6/6/2015	CQE	Certified Quality Engineer
Tammi Abbey	6/6/2015	CQIA	Certified Quality Improvement Associate
Nuwan Liyanage	6/6/2015	CQIA	Certified Quality Improvement Associate
John A. Amer	6/6/2015	CSSGB	Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
Angelica Hughes	6/6/2015	CSSGB	Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
Tetyana Solopchuk	6/6/2015	CSSGB	Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
Marty Sweeney	6/6/2015	CSSGB	Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
Brian Thomas	6/6/2015	CSSGB	Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
Supama Biswas	6/6/2015	CQPA	Certified Quality Process Analyst
Hemalatha Kannan	6/6/2015	CSQE	Certified Software Quality Engineer

ASQ FOX VALLEY SECTION CERTIFICATION COURSE SCHEDULE

Web Interactive Offering	Dates	Time	Course Fee	Participants Must Purchase	Exam Information
Project Management Fundamentals Workshop 4-Hour, Instructor-Led, Web Interactive Session	Thursday November 19, 2015	6-10 p.m. CDT	\$299	Materials will be provided.	No Exam associated with this fundamentals workshop.
Lean Fundamentals Workshop 4-Hour, Instructor-Led, Web Interactive Session	Monday November 23, 2015	6-10 p.m. CDT	\$299	Materials will be provided.	No Exam associated with this fundamentals workshop.
Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE) Six, 3-Hour, Instructor-Led, Web Interactive Sessions	Wednesdays December 2, 16, 2015; January 6, 20, February 3, and 17, 2016	6-9 p.m. CDT	\$900	CMQ/OE Primer and CMQ/OE CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is January 15, 2016. Exam Date is March 5, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB) Eight, 3-Hour, Instructor-Led Web Interactive Sessions	Thursdays December 3, 10, 17, 2015; January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 2016	6-9 p.m. CDT	\$900	CSSBB Primer and CSSBB CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is January 15, 2016. Exam Date is March 5, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Quality Process Analyst (CQPA) Six, 2-Hour, Instructor-Led, Web Interactive Sessions	Tuesdays December 8, 15, 2015 and Wednesdays January 13, 27, and February 10, 24, 2016	6-8 p.m. CDT	\$750	CQPA Primer and CQPA CD- ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is January 15, 2016. Exam Date is March 5, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees

ISO 9001:2015 Quality System Overview Workshop 2-Hour Web Interactive Session	Friday December 11, 2015	12-2 p.m. CDT	\$199	Materials will be provided.	No Exam associated with this overview Workshop.
ISO 31000 Risk Management Overview Workshop 2-Hour Web Interactive Session	Friday December 18, 2015	12-2 p.m. CDT	\$199	Materials will be provided.	No Exam associated with this overview Workshop.
Certified Six Sigma Yellow Belt (CSSYB) Six, 2-Hour, Instructor-Led, Web Interactive Sessions	Mondays December 21, 2015 and February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016	6-8 p.m. CDT	\$750	CSSYB Primer and CSSYB CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is January 15, 2016. Exam Date is March 5, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE) Six, 3-Hour, Instructor-Led Web Interactive Sessions	Tuesdays January 5, 12, 19, February 2, 16, and March 1, 2016	6-9 p.m. CDT	\$900	CRE Primer and CRE CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is January 15, 2016. Exam Date is March 5, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA) Four, 3-Hour, Instructor-Led Web interactive Sessions	Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016	6-9 p.m. CDT	\$750	CQIA Primer and CQIA CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is April 15, 2016. Exam Date is June 4, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Quality Auditor (CQA)	Tuesdays March 22, 29, April 12, 26, May 10, 24,	6-9 p.m. CDT	\$900	CQA Primer and CQA CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam	Exam Registration Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Six, 3-Hour, Instructor-Led Web Interactive Sessions	2016			www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Date is June 4, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB) Eight, 2-Hour, Instructor-Led Web Interactive Sessions	Wednesday April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016	6-8 p.m. CDT	\$900	CSSGB Primer and CSSGB CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is April 15, 2016. Exam Date is June 4, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees
Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) Eight, 3-Hour, Instructor-Led Web Interactive Sessions	Wednesdays April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016	6-9 p.m. CDT	\$900	CQE Primer and CQE CD-ROM Electronic Practice Exam www.qualitycouncil.com	Exam Registration Deadline is April 15, 2016. Exam Date is June 4, 2016. See www.asq.org for Exam Fees

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