



# Newsletter



**FOX VALLEY SECTION**

**November, 2017**

## General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on

**Tuesday, November 07, 2017 at:**

### Villa Olivia

1401 W. Lake St.  
Bartlett, IL 60103

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

## MANAGING YOUR COMPANY CALIBRATION PROGRAM

By Kenn Losacco

#### Menu:

- Soup du jour
- Country salad
- Chicken Roselo
- Twice baked potato
- Broccoli
- Coffee, tea, iced tea

**Vegetarian Option:** Available  
Please indicate vegetarian option or any other dietary requirements in the Special Instructions and Comments section.  
Cash bar

**Cost: \$25.00**

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## Program Details

### History of Calibration – Benefits & Requirements

The pre-dinner presentation will cover the history of Calibration as well as a brief explanation of its benefits, and why it is required.

### Managing Your Calibration Program

The after dinner presentation will cover more specifics of Calibration:

- Changes and Increased Requirements within the Quality Industry
- Accreditation Specifics that you should be looking for in a Calibration Provider

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## Message from the Chair

Members & Colleagues,

Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> at Villa Olivia in Bartlett. Our speaker will be Kenn Losacco and the topic will be about calibration programs and how to best manage your program and deal with calibration suppliers.

Please see our website for more information and to sign up:

[www.asq-foxvalley.org](http://www.asq-foxvalley.org)

I want to thank Richard Gordon and MaryBeth Roman for speaking in October regarding process improvement. It was an interesting case study in optimization.

I would like to remind all section members that our board meetings are open to members, so you can see how we run your section. It is also a great way to help manage the section, start volunteering and join the board. You also get free food and RU's, not to mention fame and popularity. We have openings for significant and smaller jobs. Our next meeting is November 21<sup>st</sup> at the IIT Rice campus in Wheaton. Just ask me or any board member for information and let us know you are coming.

Thanks,

John Goerner

ASQ Section 1208 Fox Valley Chair 2016/7  
ASQ Section 1208 Fox Valley Chair  
2016/7

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

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## 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).

## Accountability Group for Members in Transition

The Networking and Placement Committee at Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 would like to offer a valuable service to the Quality Professionals in the Fox Valley area looking for career opportunities.

Membership is currently open for unemployed & under-employed job seekers in an Accountability Group meeting at Central DuPage/Northwestern Memorial Hospital Cafeteria in Winfield. 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.

### Try some of these tips if you are in an active career search:

- Ø Invite one or more of your past colleagues for a mini-reunion over coffee or after-hours drinks to network and find out what current Quality challenges they are working at in their careers.
- Ø Check in with a past manager to see what's new and if they have heard of any leads.
- Ø Celebrate with people in your network who have changed jobs or have work anniversaries. Monitor and contribute to your LinkedIn home feed for news and updates.
- Ø Invite people in your network to attend professional association meetings or other networking events.

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**Program Details from page 1**

- The importance of Traceability
- Definition of terms used in Calibration and what to look for in a Calibration Certificate
- What you should be providing your Calibration Provider
- What your Calibration Provider should be Providing you
- Examples of Equipment Specific Calibration Requirements

In Addition:

A Q&A Station that will be manned by ATI Metrologists will be set up in the room for specific customer questions on Measurement & Calibration “after the presentation”.

If you would like to see how easy and effortless Gage Control can actually be, a demonstration of ATI’s A-Trax Gage Management Portal will also be set up in the room. An A-Trax account is set up for free for every customer. It completely controls your Gage Program (*from Gage Due Notifications and Auto-Generated Packing Lists for Gages Due, to reports for Out of Tolerance Findings*) making your job a lot easier.

## Kenn Losacco

Kenn Losacco has been the President of Assurance Technologies, Inc. for over 20 years. ATI is a manufacturer, distributor and calibration / repair provider to the Quality Industry in the Chicago area. ATI’s

specialty is in developing Quality solutions to Quality problems.

Prior to owning ATI, Kenn worked as a Project Engineer and an Engineering Manager for over 20 years in the Tooling, Nuclear, Electronics and Automotive Industries. He spent most of his career working in Engineering with Quality Assurance developing methods to design, manufacture and inspect manufactured products, faster and with the greatest repeatability & accuracy.

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### **Accountability Group from page 3**

➤ Get into a supportive career search group and network into companies before submitting applications.

### **Ø TRY THE 5-4-3-2-1 Weekly activity list**

Five - Quality job applications, well researched company with an open position that fits your skills and experience

Four - One-on-one networking coffee’s, introductions

Three - Networking / Job Club meetings

Two - Personal improvement activities; gym, volunteer, read a book or professional magazine (What are you doing to make yourself better?)

One - Interview, phone or in-perso

NOTE: If you consistently do steps 1 through 4, number 5 will happen.

Email David at [drmssbb@gmail.com](mailto:drmssbb@gmail.com) for more information.

city/town, occupation, email address, telephone number and what time of the day you prefer to attend a meeting:  
Morning-Afternoon-Evening.

<b>Education Schedule</b>				
<b>Web Interactive Course</b>	<b>2017 Dates &amp; Times</b>	<b>2017 Exam Registration Deadline</b>	<b>CBT Exam Dates</b>	<b>Member Course Fee</b>
Lean Bronze Certification (LBC)	Mondays 6:00-9:00 p.m. 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18.	No Exam Registration Deadline	The LBC Exam can be proctored on site at any time.	\$1,000

Register for the courses and pay online by credit card at [www.asq-foxvalley.org](http://www.asq-foxvalley.org)