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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

One of the primary goals of ASQ is to provide the quality related information and quality oriented services needed by quality minded professionals.

This section tries to do just that in three ways:

First- we use our website, <http://www.asq-illiana.org>. This site was launched this year and has been very successful.

Second- we use our newsletter and Emailed reminders of important section related News.

Third- we hold meetings, generally on the 4th Tuesday of each month, September thru May. At these meetings our guest speakers present cutting edge information on some of the more timely topics in quality. These meetings may be the easiest and most cost efficient method our members can use to stay current on important quality topics. They also provide a source for re-certification units (RU's) for those members holding Quality certifications.

This year our general meeting have covered topics like cost reduction and lean manufacturing. Our recent meeting at Holiday Inn in Matteson, focused on workforce development through education and training. The speaker was Denise Rzonca, our new Education Chair, from South suburban College. Ms. Rzonca spoke about how our local education institutions like South Suburban College are offering a variety of cost effective, flexible training programs specifically designed to meet the needs of local industry.

Continuing our sections commitment to present a wide range of quality related topics for our membership. The March 25th meeting will be held at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant will focus on technology. The topic will be "Laser Design – Hand Held Scanners".

I would also like to remind all the members of our section about the Northern Illinois Quality Conference. This year, it is being held on September, 29th. The theme is "Thriving in a Lean environment". Pre and Post conference sessions on Lean Manufacturing will be held on the 28th and 30th. This conference is an outstanding opportunity for our members to attend a local, cost effective conference. Important topics in quality, like cost reduction, cycle time reduction and waste minimization will be presented. Those members interested in these kinds of topics might check out the "Advanced Manufacturing Interest Group" group of ASQ. The website is <http://www.asqamig.org>. If you want to join, membership is free.

Cordially – Don Herz Illiana Section 1213 Chair

March 2003 Business Meeting

Our featured speaker for this meeting will be Ken Losacco of Assurance Technologies Inc. Kens' subject will be "Laser Design – Hand Held Scanners.

MEETING LOGISTICS

- Date:** Tuesday March 25th, 2003
- Place:** Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
708-758-4400
- Time:** 6:00 P.M. Registration Starts
6:30/6:45 Dinner
7:00 P.M. Topic Presentation
- Directions:** Take Halsted Street North/South (IL Route 1) to 187th Street. Turn Left/Right at traffic light and proceed East to first traffic light and then turn Left over R.R. Tracks, continue East to traffic light at Main Street. Glenwood Oaks Restaurant is on your Left. Turn Left at light. Parking lot is on your Left.

Make reservations on the Website at www.asq-illiana.org no later than Noon, March 24th, 2003. Reservation cost is \$20.00 or \$22.00 at the door.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING ALL MEMNBERS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING