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Message from the Chair

My Last "Message From The Chair" !!!

After two years as Chair, my time is up. I would like to thank all of my fellow board members these last two years. Their time and enthusiasm was much appreciated. I would also like to thank those section members who took the time to attend the various general meetings over the last two years.

Charlie Schmidt will be taking on the task in the coming year. Charlie has been our Program Chair, Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor over the past few years. The next "Message From The Chair" that you read will be from Charlie.

I have really enjoyed serving as Chair of the Illiana section of ASQ the last two years. I firmly feel that volunteering, especially for good causes is very personally rewarding. It is a time commitment, but not as much as many people fear. If more people would just try it, I think they would really find they would enjoy the experience. Volunteers are needed in a great many areas, not just your local section of ASQ. Local churches, schools, charities and community organizations are always critically in need of help. Volunteer ! Lend a hand! Don't wait for, the "other guy" to do it!

Oh well ! Off the soap box and on with the "Message From The Chair".

Now for some more ASQ-Illiana news.

I want to thank the speakers at the April meeting with the Chicago Section. Unfortunately I missed the meeting (my first in two years). However, I hear the speakers were very good. I would like to thank Mr. Bruce Wedeking and Mr. Ralph Kuhn who spoke on Quality Software Creation and Dr. Manu Vera who spoke on "VOC _ Voice of the Customer".

Our May meeting is being held at the Glenwood Oaks on Tuesday, May 25th. The speaker is Mr. Chris Abrey. Chris will be speaking on "Value Stream Mapping". Value Stream Mapping is a powerful quality tool. It is a significant part of the Lean Manufacturing effort. Chris has previously spoken at our general meeting about another component of Lean Manufacturing "5S".

In the March and April "messages from the chair" I explained some of the new changes in ASQ membership options. These changes were part of the "ASQ Living Community Model". I noted that this new model represented a significant change in how ASQ views their membership.

The unfortunate part of the new changes is the price of the regular membership is going up significantly. The current price is \$89. This will go up to \$119.

I just received my renewal form in the mail. Sure enough, it was just crazy rumor. The price has gone up I hope all of you consider your ASQ membership a good value at the new, higher price. I think we all realize that eventually almost everything goes up in price.

I would again suggest checking the ASQ website at <http://www.asq.org>.

My Thanks To All

Don Herz

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.

May Meeting Logistics

This is the last general meeting until September.

DATE: Tuesday, May 25th 2004

TIME: 6:00 P.M. --- Registration
6:30 P.M. ---- Dinner
7:30 P.M. ---- Program

LOCATION: Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
708-758-4400

SPEAKER: Chris Abrey

TOPIC: Value Stream Mapping

Chris has presented other programs in the past for the members of Illiana Section. Illiana generally has an excellent turnout for Chris's presentations. Value Stream Mapping is a subtopic for lean Manufacturing -- a hot subject these days of regeneration for manufacturing.

Please RSVP ASAP -- No later than Monday, May 24

Go to our website at <http://www.asq-illiana.org> to place your reservation, or send an email to Pam Hale at pdhale29@msn.com.

General Directions

From North: Take I-94 to junction of I-94/I-80. Go West on I-80, stay Right and exit South on Route 1 (Halsted Street) South on Halsted Street to 187th Street. Turn Left (East) to first light and turn Left across R.R. Tracks to light at Main Street. Glenwood Oaks Restaurant is on your Left. Turn Left the parking lot is on your Left.

From South: Take Route 1 (Halsted Street) to 187th Street turn Right to first light and continue with above instructions.

From West: I-80 East to Route 1 (Halsted Street) Exit Halsted South to 187th Street. Turn Left at light and continue with instruction above.

Let's have a good turnout for the last general meeting of this 2003/2004 Session!

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