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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The first visit to Chef Klaus Bier Stube was a great meeting for 30 Illiana members. The food was great and the Beer even better. This has been Illiana's best turnout of members for 2005/2006. Although we didn't have a pre-Dinner speaker Mike Orr did a very creditable job with his presentation of "Six Sigma Project". The 6 Sigma project was a project to reduce the cost of tube assemblies for hydraulic tanks as well as re-engineering the assembly. The goal was to reduce costs 30% . The cost savings amounted to 44%. This project is one of only a few being pursued by the Six Sigma Team at Caterpillar. The bottom line at Caterpillar was certainly improved with this project result.

Illiana will have it's May meeting at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:45 P.M. The pre-dinner & main presentations will be by Dan Lowery, Ph.D. from Calumet College of St. Joseph. The pre-dinner topic will be 'Masters Quality Assurance Degree' with the main presentation topic of 'Changing Nature of Demand for Quality Professionals'.

This is the last Dinner Meeting of this session and Illiana is seeking your input concerning what we, as a section, want to do in the future.

I would like to ask our Board Members who attended the ASQ training session in Milwaukee on April 29<sup>th</sup> to give you their version of what they heard at various session in the all day meeting. Tracy Sims, Mike Boothe, Kim Bernas and Charlie Schmidt please present to the Newsletter audience your perceptions (in a special Summer Edition of the Illiana ASQ Newsletter) for the following topics:

What does ASQ do for its members.?

How can Illiana spread the word to the members and their management?

What was their view of the information offered by the ASQ Staff?

How can Illiana offer programs to their members?

What can Illiana offer as incentives to their members?

What programs can Illiana develop in the future that will draw member involvement?

These are only a few of the queries Illiana can make for adding future member involvement and developing an SMP (Section Management Process) if that is the goal of membership. At one time in the past we handed out an Illiana Section 1213 ASQ Section Meeting Evaluation Form. This form fell out of use only because we had nobody who took the time to assess these forms after each Dinner Meeting. Unless we can find somebody who wants to assume the task of evaluation we will not reinstitute this form.

Lastly, Illiana has never developed a history of members who have served in the Chair position. Illiana intends to try to do that in the near future. We are not sure of the time that Chairs have served but we'll try to be as accurate as possible. Here is a start of the history on the Chair position:

Charles M. Schmidt	2004/2006
Donald Herz	2002/2004
Timothy Feeley	2001/2002
Anthony Manos	1999/2001

Here is where we have to ask for help from our members. If you have served in the Chair position, give us a date when you served and who was your predecessor and who followed you. We will try to fill in the gaps ever since we became the Illiana Section 1213. Your help is needed, so put on your thinking caps and get back to the current Chair to back up this data.

Thanks for your help and I'll see you at our next Dinner Meeting.

Charlie Schmidt – Chair Illiana Section 1213

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**Masters Quality Assurance Degree - Pre-mtg.  
Changing Nature of Demand for Quality Professionals – Main Mtg.**

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006  
**LOCATION:** Glenwood Oaks Restaurant  
106 N. Main Street  
Glenwood, IL 60425  
708-758-4400  
**TIME:** 5:45 P.M. --- Masters Quality Assurance Degree - Dan Lowery, Ph.D.  
6:15 P.M. --- Registration  
6:30 P.M. --- Dinner  
7:30 P.M. --- Changing Nature of Demand for Quality Professionals - Dan Lowery, Ph.D.

**Please RSVP ASAP --** No later than Monday, Noon, May 22nd  
Go to our website at <http://www.asq-Illiana.org> to place your reservation,  
or send an email to Pam Hale at [pamela.hale@mittalsteel.com](mailto:pamela.hale@mittalsteel.com).

**Certification Tests**

<b><u>Exam List</u></b>	<b><u>Exam Date</u></b>	<b><u>Appl. Deadline</u></b>
<b>2006</b>		
CQE/CQA/CSE/CQIA/CCT/CQPA	June 3	April 7
CQT/CRE/CMI/CHA/Biomedical/Six Sigma Black Belt CMO/OE (Certified Manager of Organizational Excellence)	October 21	August 18
CQE/CQA/CSE/CQIA/CCT/CQPA	December 2	October 6

The location for the 2006 June test has been confirmed for Section 1213 at:

Joliet Junior College  
1215 Houbolt Road  
Joliet, IL 60431-8938

If you have any comments  
or questions, please feel  
free to contact your  
Board Members or ASQ.



# Illiana Section 1213

## Meeting Agenda for 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>ASQ Contact</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
5/23/2006	Pam Hale	Masters Quality Assurance Degree - Pre-mtg. Changing Nature of Demand for Quality Professionals	Glenwood Oaks 106 N. Main Street Glenwood, IL 60425 (708) 758-4400	Dan Lowery Ph.D.
9/26/2006	Mike Boothe	Accredited Calibration - Did you get what you asked for? - Pre-mtg Selecting an Accredited Lab - Understanding accreditation scopes and calibration results.	Glenwood Oaks 106 N. Main Street Glenwood, IL 60425 (708) 758-4400	J. Brent Snoddy
10/24/2006	Larry Sprengel	PRECONTROL - statistical subject	White Rose Inn 19400 Torrence Avenue Lynwood, IL 60411 708-418-8700	Randahl (Randy) Hulina
11/14/2006	Mike Boothe	Calibration Procedure Writing - How to write + validate procedures	CIAO'S\ 3613 West 216th Street (216th + Main St.) Matteson, IL 60443 708-481-6510	J. Brent Snoddy
12/12/2006	Lloyd M. Welch	Bitzer's Products - Plant Tour Small precision machined parts for hydraulic pumps and valves.	Bitzer's Products 2714 S. Ninth Avenue Broadview, IL 60155	Bill Sturgeon 708-345-0795 Limit 25

## Plan to attend Illiana 1213 Dinner Meetings

### 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.

## **MEETING LOGISTICS**

### Directions

**From North:** Take I-94 to junction at I-94/I-80, go West on I-80 to Route 1 (Halsted Street) Exit South to 187th Street East (Left) to first stop light, turn left over R.R. Tracks and East to Stop Light. Glenwood Oaks Restaurant is located on your Left. Turn Left At the light and the parking lot is on your Left

**From West:** I-80 East to Route 1 South (Halsted Street) Go South to 187th Street and follow above directions.

**From South:** Take Route 1 North (Halsted Street) to 187th Street East Right to first stop light and follow above directions.

**From East:** I-80 West to Route 1 South (Halsted Street) Go South to 187th Street and follow above directions.



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ILLIANA MEMBERS PLEASE UPDATE ASQ WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR  
IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM YOUR SECTION.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE ILLIANA WEBSITE MONTHLY FOR THE BALANCE  
OF THE SECTION NEWSLETTERS !!

ILLIANA SECTION 1213 UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 2006 Meeting**

**Masters Quality Assurance Degree - Pre-mtg.  
Changing Nature of Demand for Quality  
Professionals – Main Mtg.**

Presented by Dan Lowery, Ph.D. from Calumet College of St. Joseph

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