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Monthly dinner meeting:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Critical Thinking

La Casa Mia restaurant, Raynham, MA

Mission Statement of the ASQ Olde Colony Section

Our mission is to be the leading quality resource in the Southeastern Massachusetts area for manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries, while supporting the goals and objectives of the American Society for Quality.

Olde Colony Monthly Dinner Meeting

- Date:** March 21, 2007 (third Wednesday)
- Time:** Registration 6PM, dinner 6:15PM, Speaker 7PM
- Cost:** \$20.00. Discount to retired / unemployed ASQ members.
- Location:** Las Casa Mia, 860 Broadway Street, Raynham, MA
- Menu:** Chicken, fish or beef entree
- Directions:** Route 495, exit 8, turn onto 138 South. After you cross into Raynham, across from Honey Dew Donuts on the right.
- Reservations:** Please contact Alin Darabus, Arrangements Chair, at 508-587-3500, ext. x225 or by email: adarabus@accurounds.com with your name and dinner choice.

About the Topic:

CRITICAL THINKING

Skills are things that are learned and through repetition; they can be adapted or improved.

Thinking is a skill. Therefore thinking can be learned. Have you ever looked at the way you came to a conclusion? Have you noticed that sometimes two people come up with the same answer using different methods?

Critical thinking is looking at the way we think about things. Using our thinking skills we can improve them and adapt them to change our lives.

About our Speaker:

Joanne Coon is a Configuration Analyst for Lockheed Martin Sippican in Marion, Massachusetts.

JoAnne has two decades of experience working in manufacturing, quality and configuration. She came to Lockheed after having worked for General Electric and prior to that worked in the medical device industry. She also served in the United States Air Force for eight years. She serves on the Technical Advisory Council for Plymouth South High School and frequently volunteers in community projects.

JoAnne received her Bachelors Degree in Technical Communications from Northeastern University in 2001. She has continued her education both at work and at University Of Massachusetts Boston. She achieved her Six Sigma Greenbelt certification at General Electric and is pursuing certification at Lockheed Martin.

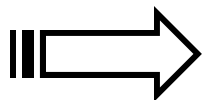
DID YOU KNOW ?????

You receive RU credits for attending the dinner meetings! If you have ASQ certification(s), that means an easy way to accumulate credits !

CERTIFICATION / RECERTIFICATION



EXAMS GIVEN FOR:	EXAM DATE	APPLICATION DEADLINE
CBA, CHA, CMQ/OE, CQI, CQT, CRE, SSBB	March 3, 2007	January 12, 2007
CCT, CQA, CQE, CQIA, CQPA, SSGB, CSQE	June 2, 2007	April 6, 2007
CBA, CHA, CMQ/OE, CQI, CQT, CRE, SSBB	October 20, 2007	August 17, 2007
CCT, CQA, CQE, CQIA, CQPA, SSGB, CSQE	December 1, 2007	October 5, 2007



This month's hint from the Certification Chair:

Be sure that you determine the correct fee for recertification based on your membership status, number of certifications that you are renewing and synchronization. Be sure not to overpay or under pay.

Having trouble getting the required 18 RU'S?

If legitimate extenuating circumstances have made it impossible for you to meet this obligation, you may be able to qualify for recertification with a reduced RU requirement.

What are legitimate extenuating circumstances? They are determined on a case-by-case basis by the ASQ National Recertification Coordinator. If you feel that you qualify call: Bill Carr at 1-800-248-1946.

Earn Recertification Units through On-Line Chats

RU's are granted for participating in the monthly 90-minute chat events being hosted on ASQNet. Members will be granted 0.15 RUs for each chat event they actively participate in. Download detailed instructions at http://www.asqnet.org/members/interact/chat/recert_units.html

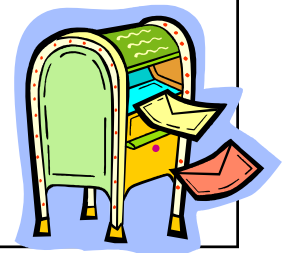
Need an Application for Certification?

Applications for certification can be obtained from ASQ by calling 1-800-248-1946 or by downloading from the website at www.asq.org/cert/downloads/. Or you can register and pay on-line at www.asq.org, click on CERTIFICATION.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR COMPLETED RECERT JOURNALS

Please send your completed recertification journal and supporting documents to:

Gerry Quinn
12 King Road
Holbrook MA 02343
Attn: ASQ RECERT.



Education and Scholarship Announcements

CQA PREP CLASSES NOW ENROLLING !

We will once again have a CQA "blitz" on two Saturdays (April 28 and May 12, 2007) this spring in preparation for the CQA exam in June.

This was extremely successful and well received last year.

All interested candidates should contact :
Jim Donaldson at jasdonaldson@netzero.com this month to ensure a seat in the class.

Are you attending college or grad school?
Is your child attending?

DO YOU WANT HELP WITH TUITION?

Why not apply for the 2006 Roger
Maximuk Scholarship?



2006 ROGER MAXIMUK SCHOLARSHIP

Olde Colony Section annually awards up to \$1500.00 in scholarships to eligible members and their dependents.

We have opened this scholarship to graduate students as well.

Please go to asqoldecolony.org website for more info.

Please submit your application as soon as possible. We'd like to award the scholarship at our June meeting, before students return to school in the fall.

YOUR 2006-2007 EXECUTIVE BOARD / LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The Olde Colony Executive Board meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from August through June to plan and execute the section activities. The committee consists of the 4 elected officers and all volunteer chairs— education, membership, etc. If you are interested in seeing how your section is run, stop by – there is no obligation. Meeting runs 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For more information, contact one of your executive board members. Everyone is welcome.

The Executive Board is looking for a few more volunteers ...why not you?

Volunteering does not require devoting tons of time; we are all very busy between work and personal commitments. Your time commitment can be as little as a few hours a month. Aside of the experience you gain, you also get 1.5 ru credits per year !

If you think you may be interested in volunteering, contact Jim Donaldson, Vice Chair, at 508-748-6957 or email at jasdonaldson@netzero.com Volunteering can be very rewarding and enjoyable. Come to one of our executive board dinner meetings to see what's involved. We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6-8PM.

Olde Colony Section Bulletin Board

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for 2007—2008:

Chair	Jim Donaldson
Chair Elect	Joe Hanley
Treasurer	Grace Kish
Secretary	Monica Morrissey

Welcome to our newest members ...



*Edward Behan Haley
Gillian Kutcher
William Lima*

We hope to see you at our dinner meetings soon.



Do you have a suggestion for a great dinner topic? Would you like to speak at the next dinner meeting? If so, we want to hear from you!!

Contact Alin Darabus,
Arrangements Chair, at
508-587-3500 x225

Are you a teacher at heart?

If you are interested in becoming an instructor for a course, or have given a course previously that you are interested in giving again to help the Education goals of our members, please contact Jim Donaldson at jasdonaldson@netzero.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR

Dear members!

I thought I'd spend a few minutes describing some of the things that go on at our E-board meetings. This is our monthly review of the status of the section and our forum for planning activities to better serve our membership.



Every month we invite members to participate, but we probably haven't given you a clear picture of what goes on.

We do some of the regular procedural stuff, get reports from various committees and review our finances. Afterwards, the various chairs present information and/or solicit input. Gerry reviews the revised procedure for the Roger Maximuk Scholarship that we award annually. Jim and Grace talk about the on-going plans for the CQA course we are offering this spring. Alin updates the list of presenters for the next few dinner meetings; Lee brings us up to speed on new members. Dave discusses improvements to the website. New members arrive and are asked how they'd like to pitch in. Joe feverishly captures salient points for inclusion in the minutes and I orchestrate the dialog.

Sometimes we set aside time for more lengthy deliberation on a particular. March was set aside for discussing our SMP plan for next year. SMP stands for Section Management Plan. It's probably the best indicator that we practice what we preach as quality professionals. Within the plan are the objectives for the upcoming year, complete with metrics to measure progress and process owners assigned to implement and report. It's how we formalize our plan for serving you: our customer. Although we'll have had our preliminary meeting by the time you read this, we'd still like to ask for your input. It's not too late. –Because the next month, we need to develop the budget to accomplish what we've planned.

So, if you'd like the section to do something new and different, we need to hear from you now, so that we can ensure that it's considered for next year. Call us; email us; visit the website; come to the dinner meeting.

Be well,
Denise and the E-board



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- Go to www.asq.org and sign-in as member
- Go to My Account, then to Change Work/Home Addresses & E-mail, and update your preferences.

Have you Moved? Changed Jobs? Changed Email Address?

Don't forget to update your member information with ASQ National. Contact customer service at 1-800-248-1946 and have your member number ready. You can email the info to cs@asq.org.

Or log onto www.asqnet.org, go to My Account and update the info yourself.

Please update your email so we can keep in contact with you.