

ASQ Youngstown-Warren Section 0805

November 2008

Membership Meeting – November 10, 2008

Join us for the November meeting of the 2008-2009 year.

A Note from the Chair:

Well it's that time of the year when the leaves are falling , we've had our first snowfall, and the Presidential election will occur in a few days. Everyone is struggling to survive the economic recession that's affecting all of us. Hopefully you and your company will weather the storm and things will start to improve soon!

If you haven't attended one of our section meetings and checked out the new format, please do so. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at the turnout, the quality of our main speaker presentations, the tasty hors d'oeuvres, and best of all, you'll be home shortly after 7 pm.

This month, for the pre-technical session, I will lead a discussion on Data Analysis. We will talk about where to start, what you need to look for, and possible strategies for making improvements. Carla Konzel, our main speaker, is from St. Vincent Hospital Systems in Erie, Pa. Her topic is Deploying Lean Six Sigma in Healthcare.

Jim Odom

Chairperson

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Meetings are held at the Kent Trumbull Campus, 4314 Mahoning Avenue NW, Warren, Ohio 44483, in the Workforce Development building, Room 211, on the second Monday of each month. Meetings start with a pre-technical session starting at 5:00 pm and the main speaker at 6:45 pm. You are welcome to attend either session or both. There will be no charge for attending either session. A small amount of \$8 is charged for hors d'oeuvre served between 6:00 and 6:45.

Contact Marie DaBelko at 330-675-8811 to RSVP.

5:00 – 6:00 PM Pre-Meeting Technical: Data Analysis. We will talk about where to start, what you need to look for, and possible strategies for making improvements

Jim Odom is a Six Sigma Master Black Belt and Shainin Journeyman at Delphi Packard Electric Systems in Warren, Ohio. In addition, he teaches Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and Black Belt classes, and ASQ certification classes at Kent State University, Trumbull Campus. Jim has served on the continuous improvement committee at Humility of Mary hospitals in the Warren-Youngstown area. He has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering technology from Youngstown State University and a master's degree in manufacturing management from General Motors Institute. Jim is the 2005 recipient of the ASQ Automotive Section's Quality Professional of the year award.

Hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:00 – 6:45 PM.

Presentation at 6:45 PM "Lean Six Sigma: One Hospital's Deployment and Lessons Learned
Saint Vincent Health Center has 417 beds serving the Erie region of Northwest Pennsylvania with approximately 17,500 admissions and 64,000 visits annually. The facility deployed the Lean Six Sigma methodology in 2005 with great success launching 75 initiatives yielding \$1.0 million in ROI and including \$182,000 benefit to the community by lowering pay costs. It's not a scare, just a dare to stretch.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. Winston Churchill

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