

# ASQ Youngstown-Warren Section 0805

September 2008

Membership Meeting – September 8, 2008

## ***Join us for the first meeting of the 2008-2009 year.***

The Youngstown-Warren Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and Kent State Trumbull Campus are partnering this year to provide monthly speakers and topics for local area businesses and leaders. The speakers will cover a large range of quality related topics from Manufacturing, Health Care, Education, Government, and the Service Industries.

We want to welcome you to our new meeting format this year and welcome you to attend these meetings. 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. Our first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8, 2008, 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 will be 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:** The first topic this season is “Design of Experiments and today Susan Goclano will share some examples of Design of Experiments and show how they apply to “real world” opportunities for improvement.

Susan Goclano is currently a Six Sigma Master Black Belt at Delphi. Certified in 2004 as a Six Sigma Black Belt, followed by a Master Black Belt in 2006, she has worked to complete 105 projects with an overall savings of over \$6 Million.

Her responsibilities include training and coaching problem solving teams to identify, analyze and implement projects associated with cost reduction, resolution of quality issues, and operational changes. Employees directly tied to operations and support organizations are involved in the continuous improvement efforts for 3 manufacturing operations.

The Rootstown facility produces approximately 37,000,000 pounds of Nylon 6, Nylon 6/6, and Polyester resins for use at Delphi’s own molding plants in Ohio, Mississippi, and China. They also ship to other independent molders in the USA.

Additionally, two thermoplastic injection molding plants, located in Cortland and Vienna Ohio, contain 240 machines and process over 2.2 billion connectors annually.

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

## **Presentation at 6:45 PM “Leadership and Major Organization Change”**

Researchers have estimated that the chances of implementing successful, lasting major organization change are about fifty-fifty. Help identify possible solutions for major causes of failure. Learn the sequential steps for successful change. Find out what it takes to solve culture issues. It’s all about leadership.

This will be an interactive session. Participants will be sent some study material a few days in advance, to help prepare for this meeting. Reservations are strongly recommended. Bring your questions and problems.

The discussion leader is Doug Sewell, who will offer some insights based on 45 years in the quality profession. Doug is an independent consultant specializing in SPC and quality improvement leadership. He has an M. S. in Applied Statistics from Villanova University and a B. S. in Education from West Chester (PA) University. He is a senior member of ASQ and recently retired his CQE and CQMgr Certificates. He is a Registered Professional Engineer (Quality Engineering) in California.

**A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR:** Hi Everyone,

I have accepted to be the chairperson of our local ASQ section for the 2008 – 2009 year. As a result, I have reviewed our membership and we now stand at 135 members representing about 77 companies, mostly in the Northeast Ohio – Western Pennsylvania areas. This is a considerable decline from the days when we had over 300 members and 120 companies represented.

Times have changed since many companies paid memberships to professional societies. With all the choices and activities everyone has today, belonging to a professional organization is not as high on everyone's list.

As a service organization, we want to provide you with the speakers, topics, meetings, and educational opportunities that add value, not only to you personally, but also to your organization. This year we are going to try some different things. We have talked to Kent State, Trumbull and will have our meetings there and instead of dinner at Café 422. We have also combined our meeting and their ISO/TS group so that it will give you an additional opportunity to hear a topic that may interest you. We are also starting a Student Branch at Kent State, Trumbull and looking at the possibility of a Quality Symposium to be held in 2009.

If you would like to volunteer to get involved in these activities, please let me know. If you have any suggestions for meeting topics, need quality training, or have suggestions to improve our section, drop me an email at [jim@jlodom.com](mailto:jim@jlodom.com).

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2008 – 2009  
Section Chair  
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