

ASQ Buffalo Section Meeting

Thursday May 19th, 2011

IIMAK Plant Tour

Hosted By: Rick Johnston – Quality Director

Place: IIMAK Corporate Headquarters
310 Commerce Drive
Amherst, NY 14228

Dinner: Classics V Banquet and Conference Center
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY 14228

Time: Plan to arrive:

5:15 - 5:40 pm ~ Gather and register all members for the tour (Auditorium)
5:45 - 6:00 pm ~ Short company overview presentation given by Rick Johnston
6:00 - 6:45 pm ~ Plant tour given by various tour guides
6:45 - 7:00 pm ~ Depart from Iimak for dinner at Classics V Banquet Facility
7:00 pm... Promptly start buffet-style dinner

Cost will be \$24.95 for Members
(\$30.00 per person NON-MEMBERS/guest)

Full Time or part time matriculating Student/Unemployed Member \$15.00

Reservations must be made by 6:00 PM on Monday May 16th.

Register at: <http://www.asqbuffalo.org>

Or go to <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=219180>

Established in 1983, International Imaging Materials (IIMAK) is a world leader in Thermal Transfer ribbons. Additionally IIMAK specializes in direct thermal films, fluid inks and specialty coatings, and Contract Manufacturing Services. IIMAK headquarters are located at 310 Commerce Drive, Amherst, NY with sites globally located in Europe, Brazil, Mexico and China. Plant Info: Refer to www.iimak.com/

Driving directions to 310 Commerce Dr, NY 14228:

Interstate 90 NY
Merge onto I-290 W toward Niagara Falls
Take the exit onto I-990 N
Take the exit toward Sweet Home Rd
Turn right onto Sweet Home Rd
Turn left onto Commerce Dr
Destination will be on the right

Letter from the Chair

Other than our classic ASQ “Plant Tour” event at IIMAK, Inc. this month, June’s membership appreciation dinner meeting on the Moondance Catamaran will wrap up our formal dinner/speaker series for the year. Looking back at the “professional growth and education” events provided by ASQ Buffalo over the last 9 months I feel strongly that we are heading in the right direction and continue to bring value to our membership. Upon hearing the vision and direction our Chair-elect, Thom Marra will be taking next year, I’m confident that he will continue to build on our past successes by introducing many fresh, new and innovative ideas for our benefit. He is a great leader and is focused on getting quality tools and methodologies into the hands of ASQ Buffalo members. So, onward and upward we go! Please join us this month for the plant tour at IIMAK. Visit this successful WNY producer of thermal transfer ribbons in action. See you there!

* Jeff Ash, CQA, CQE, CMQ/OE

ASQ Buffalo: Helping to make WNY the best place to live and work.

Looking for a job?

Times are tough!!! Unemployment is too high!!!
 In an effort to offset this trend, DID YOU KNOW?
 ASQ Buffalo has several jobs posted on its website, www.asqbuffalo.org???

Click on careers and go to the latest job postings.
 This Website includes a link to the ASQ National job listings as well.

If you're looking for a job please give it a try!!!
 Marvin Walsh – Employment Chair

Attention Parents of High School Seniors!!!

ASQ-Buffalo is accepting applications for 2 - \$500 Scholarships

Student must be in pursuit of either a 2 or 4 year degree at any local educational institute and the application requires that you must be an ASQ Student member. To become a student member of ASQ, navigate to the ASQ national website at www.asq.org and register as a new "Student Member" of the ASQ Buffalo 0201 Section for \$25. You can also go to the local Buffalo ASQ website www.asqbuffalo.org and click on Home site. You also need a copy of your transcript showing a minimum of 24 credit hours completed. Finally, each scholarship winner must read their 500 word essay at a local ASQ Dinner meeting

"What Quality means to me and how I plan to promote it"

Electronic copy of Scholarship Application is available at the www.asqbuffalo.org website.

Email application only to; JL.SixSigma@gmail.com and US mail a hard copy with signed application and transcript to:

American Society for Quality
 Buffalo Section 0201
 P.O. Box 345
 Elma, N.Y. 14059-0345

Scholarship Application Deadline: September 1st

Membership Appreciation Event

On June 16, 2011 at 5:00 pm
 Ride the

Moondance Catamaran

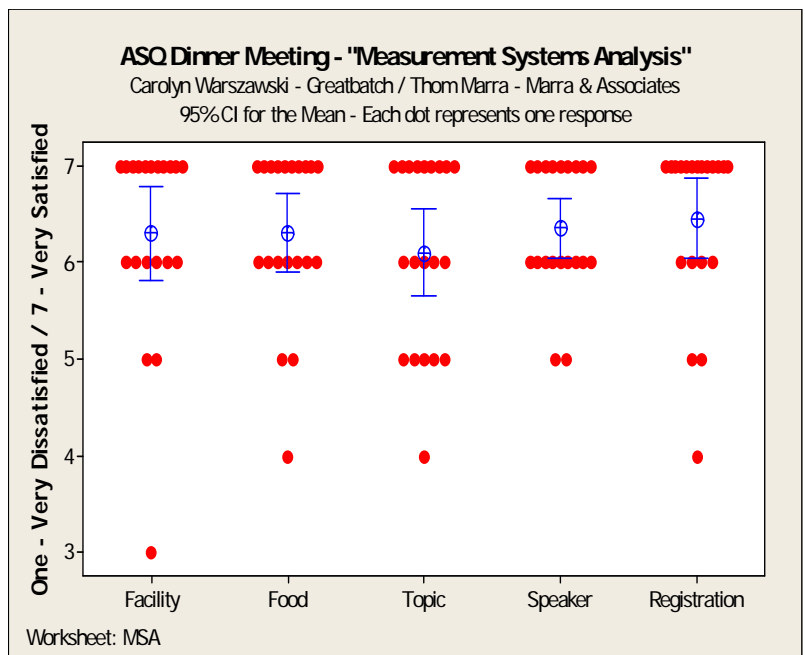
Docked at the Hatch Restaurant
 ASQ Members \$14 per person
 Non ASQ Members \$22 per person
 Price includes 2 hour Boat ride
 Pizza, wings & snacks
 Cash Bar

Due to size limitations of the vessel, registration is limited to the first 65 participants.

You don't want to miss this!!

Note: If there are any additional members that would like to participate, we may offer either a second boat ride or discounted dinner at the next ASQ Buffalo Meeting

Below are the survey results from the April ASQ / ASM Monthly Meeting



From the comments section of the survey here are the topics that people would like to see in future meetings. If you have a suggestion for future Quality topics please send them to the following email:

thommarra@verizon.net. Current topic suggestions are:

- DOE Unusual success stories using statistics
- Factorial Analysis More Quality tools, practical applications
- Implementing Six Sigma Supplier Quality Engineering

----- **ASQ Buffalo has gone social on LinkedIn – FaceBook & Twitter!!!!** -----

Join & Add to the Quality discussion on our LinkedIn Page (Search for ASQ Buffalo NY in the group section of LinkedIn)
www.linkedin.com/e/-r7l4yw-gjrl34zz-i/vgh/3774781/

Like, Share, and Connect with us through FaceBook (Search for ASQ Buffalo NY on FaceBook)
www.facebook.com/pages/ASQ-Buffalo-NY/190153827674982

Tweet, and share up to the minute updates-Quality news conferences & best practices with us on Twitter -twitter.com/asqbuffalo

Are You Using Your Membership Benefits?

My name is Peter Mancuso and I am the Membership Chair for the ASQ Buffalo section 0201. It is every company's goal to cut costs where possible and still stay in touch with the professional societies like the American Society for Quality. ASQ is now offering a Site Membership! As an ASQ Site Member, your organization makes a statement that quality is part of its core values.

Site membership helps your organization thrive by providing information, resources and involvement opportunities. Your people get access to the tools they need to explore, educate, empower and engage others on all quality topics.

All of the employees at your location will be able to access the vast resources of content that ASQ has to offer, through one primary contact in your company. See the link below for more details:

<http://asq.org/membership/organizations/site.html>

Save The Dates!!!

Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20, 2011

ASQ Buffalo 2011 Quality Conference

The theme will be:

“Process Improvement - Quality Tools”

Wednesday, October 19 - Conference day

There will be 4 tracks with 4 sessions each for a total of 16 sessions on Quality Tools or Process Improvement techniques. □ The tracks will not be broken down by industry type but by commonality of topics. □ We will be reaching out to all organizations and industries in the Western New York area. □ Our goal is to encourage people from manufacturing, education, healthcare, financial, non-profit, government and others. □ This conference is intended to reach all of Western New York with process improvements so as to continue to make our community the best place to live and work.

Thursday, October 20 – Seminar day

On this day there will be four seminars offered along the same themes as the conference day and last all day.

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New Wave 24 **Rev. A 5/2/11**

SIX SIGMA BLACK & GREEN BELT Training & CERTIFICATION

Contact JL.SixSigma@gmail.com or call John Lupiensi 716-830-4620

SSAT with ASQ Buffalo is offering another 4 **Week Black Belt Class, GB class is the first 3 weeks**, aiding to passing the **ASQ CSSGB or CSSBB CERTIFICATION Exam** offered by **ASQ Buffalo Section**.

Classes are taught by **John Lupiensi, a Sr. MASTER BLACK BELT** with over 35+ yrs. experience.

Past Waves 1 thru 20 – Over 97% successfully passed the ASQ Certification Exams, with over 400 taking ASQ CSSGB/CSSBB/CQE/COT Exams. Black Belts are in high demand and can be placed in many local companies today!!! **Certified BB's & GB's are more likely to get hired than an MBA person, all other things equal** per latest survey 6/18/09 Six Sigma Online.

Over \$25 Million dollars saved on GB/BB Projects in last 10 yrs. Average \$\$\$ saved per BB Project is \$125,000. GB Projects have saved \$ 55,000/project.

Training Schedule Wave 24 - is Open enrollment

Week 1	Define & Measure	Sept 5-9, 2011 + MiniTab 16 Training will be held on 9/9
Week 2	Analyze Improve	Oct. 17-21, 2011
Week 3	Control	Nov. 14-18, 2011 & CSSGB ASQ Prep
Week 4	DOE for BB's only	Dec 19-22, 2011 & prep for ASQ CSSBB Exam

***The first 4 Buffalo ASQ members or unemployed who sign up for BB early and pay in full may receive \$400 discount.**

Next ASQ Exam: BB is March. 10th, 2012; GB is Dec. 3rd, 2011

Your COST: only **\$5,400** per Black Belt or **\$3,400** per Green Belt
Non ASQ Members pay **\$6,400** but you can join on 1st day (Maximum 15)
Company Discounts available for Open enrollment:

10% off for 3 BB's or 15% off for 4 or more BB's. No GB discounts.

Host Company can also receive additional discounts.

Unemployed may also receive up to \$4,400 from NYS Dept. Of Labor Eligible Training Providers List NYS-ETPL Workforce Development course ID #3083838. You must be Erie County resident and contact your BETC counselor for an appointment & approval. (716- 856-8139) Exam fees and prep materials required to pass ASQ certification are your responsibility to pay.

Contact John Lupiensi at JL.SixSigma@gmail.com or call 716-830-4620.

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The ASQ Reliability Division (RD) offers FREE webinars and short courses. Go to www.reliabilitycalendar.org to see calendar and future webinars.

Quality Quote: "If you forget you have to struggle for improvement you go backward." – "Geoffrey Hickson"