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Section**

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Welcome to the January 2006 issue of the Newsletter. Your local provider of information and learning opportunities related to quality professionals.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LOCATION: Gerardo's at Quality Inn & Suites (6099 Montana Ave.)

REGISTRATION & SOCIAL HOUR: 6:15 p.m.

DATE: January 18, 2006

SPEAKER: David Veloz - Donor Recruitment Director (United Blood Services)

TOPIC: History of Blood Collection

MEETING IS FREE FOR EVERYBODY (MEMBERS OR NON-MEMBERS) AND THE
SPEAKER STARTS AT 6:45 P.M.

If you want to eat, we start our social hour at 6:15 p.m.

DINNER COST: \$10.00

THE CHAIR SPEAKS

HECTOR LUGO

Hoping this year 2006 bring you many satisfactions and accomplishments in your quality profession and thank for your support during the year 2005 and asking for your participation in this year too.

I want to thank Canyon Hills Middle School Choir for the excellent selection of Christmas songs in our last (December) meeting of the year 2005. We had a beautiful time with our wives and the presents for all the officers and participants in our Christmas Party.

CERTIFICATION CHAIR

JOE LISSBERGER

The results of the October Certification Exams were posted on the web and it is a great pleasure to announce that the Greater El Paso Section 1401 had four persons on the list of those that passed their exams. Those listed were:

Those listed were (and have won a dinner at the meeting):

For: Certified Reliability Engineer
Kim H. Pries

For: Certified Six Sigma Black Belt
Daniel L. Feller
Jayr Fuentes
Sanjay Skikantaiah

The section extends their sincere congratulations on accomplishing this step in your chosen profession. We hope that there will be many more announcements of this nature in the future.

1. Certification Refresher Classes:

Classes begin in January 7, and will continue in February; we are going to stop before the exam date. If you have any questions, contact Hector Lugo by email h7tetor@hotmail.com or phone at (915) 298-2436.

Exam date: 04-MARCH-06		Application date: 13-JANUARY-06		
CLASS	Day & Time	Fee	Hours	Location
CQT	Sat 8-12	\$25 each session	4	Room #109 @ ATC
CQM	Sat 8-12	\$25 each session	4	Room #109 @ ATC
Note the CQM certification has been replaced by the Certified Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE) and CMQ in chart above				
Exam date: 03-JUNE-06		Application Date: 07-APRIL-06		
CLASS	Day & Time	Fee	Hours	Location
CQE	Sat 8-12	\$25 each session	4	Room #109 @ ATC
CQA	Sat 8-12	\$25 each session	4	Room #109 @ ATC
No classes are planned for the following: CSSBB, CSQE, CRE, CCT, CMI, and CQIA. Please advise us if you have a group interested in a class and we will work to make it happen				

Discounts are available for companies sending 5 or more people, and we often move the class to your location

The following are some sample questions:

56. "He helps the group move through the agenda to its desired outcome without getting personally involved in the meeting content."
_____"
57. "Organized to carry out expert work in highly dynamic settings and they are found in 'highly technology industries'. The _____ organizations."
58. "An activity undertaken to determine the suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness of the subject matter to achieve established objectives. _____"
59. "Observe, supervise, keep under review: _____"
60. "The continuing flow of the quality message down to the next level until it reaches all workers: _____."

If you want to know the answers, go to the bottom of this document!!!

2. Call for help: Exam Proctoring, Science Fair Judges, and other events requiring helpers:

Contact Joe Lissberger jlissber@elp.rr.com or (915) 831-2892.

3. Special Interest Group Meetings and contact information:

Its purpose is to promote a system of education and training in principles, concepts and practice to enhance the skills and competence of quality professionals for the advancement of continuous improvements in our community.

If you're interested in provide insight into any particular methodology, contact Alfonso Enriquez AEnriquez@lear.com or (915) 787-6077.

ASQ Offers Green Belt Certification

ASQ recently announces the availability of a Six Sigma Green Belt Certification. In looking at the Body of Knowledge, it seems to have less math/statistics than the Black Belt BOK, and does not require a project as a qualification to sit for the exam. I think it will become a very popular certification and a good stepping stone for those "beginners" wanting to get the Black Belt certification.

I believe we will start offering this as a refresher class starting in the fall. We'll be seeking qualified, experienced, ASQ Certified Black Belts as instructors. If interested, contact Hector Lugo by any means.

The exam will be on the June-December cycles. The BOK can be found at <http://www.asq.org/certification/six-sigma-green-belt/bok.html> and from there you can find other information about it.

SUN COUNTRY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

The Sun Country Regional Science Fair will be held on Saturday, February 25, at the UTEP Memorial Gym. The Gym is located on East Robinson and North Oregon. We would like to invite you to be a judge for the "SPECIAL AWARDS" division. Judges are asked to be at the Gym at 7:45 a.m. and to check in with Dorline Wonciar (821-2132) at the front entrance on Robinson.

Judging will start at 8:00 a.m. for Division III (7th and 8th grades). Sweepstakes judging for Division III will start at 10:45 a.m.

Judging for Division II (9th and 10th grades) and Division I (11th and 12th grades) will start at 10:45 a.m. Sweepstakes judging for Division II and Division I will start at 1:00 p.m.

The awards ceremony will be held at the Undergraduate Learning Center located next to the Centennial Museum. The awards ceremony for Division III will start at 1:00 p.m. The awards ceremony for Division II and Division I will start at 3:15 p.m.

ASQ awards the biggest prize at the Sun Country Regional Science Fair:

Gold - Div. I \$750.00 Savings bond

Silver – Div. I \$500.00 Savings bond

Bronze – Div. I \$250.00 Savings bond

Team First Place – Div. I \$250.00 Savings bond each member

Gold – Div. II \$250.00 Savings bond

Gold – Div. III \$250.00 Savings bond

SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

ASQ's Customer-Supplier Division is pleased to bring two of its most popular courses to the Houston (Feb. 27 - 28), Dallas / Ft. Worth (Feb. 28 - Mar. 1), and San Antonio areas (Mar. 1 - 2). Quality Audits for Improved Supplier Performance and Supplier Certification: The Quality Link in Supply Chain Management are each 1-day courses, offered on back-to-back days in each of the three cities. While each class has a different emphasis, they are very complementary Supplier Management approaches.

Quality Audits for Improved Supplier Performance is taught by

Dennis Arter. Topics addressed in this 1-day course include:

- Supplier Quality
- Purchasing Controls
- Your Audit System
- Preparing to Audit
- Fieldwork
- Reporting Results
- Follow up

Supplier Certification: The Quality Link in Supply Chain Management is taught by Richard Gould. Topics addressed in this 1-day course include:

- Supplier Certification?
- Introduction and Definitions
- Specifications
- What about ISO & Clones?
- Choosing Suppliers
- The Players
- Supplier Performance Measurement

Significant discounts for early registration (by January 30); attending both courses; or for sending three or more from the same company. For more information; to download a brochure; or, to register for the course, please visit <http://www.asq.org/cs/courses>.

AUTOMOTIVE SECTION HECTOR LUGO

In the past year, the most important story across the industry made landfall on August 29, when after a summer of steady rising gas prices, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, drowning the city of New Orleans and incapacitating much of America's oil and gas production. Some 95 percent of the oil refining capacity in the Gulf of Mexico went offline following the impact of the Category Three storm, triggering the release of some of the nation's 700-million-barrel strategic reserve. Some observers said gas prices would hit \$4 a gallon and were proven wrong - but the peak price of more than \$3 a gallon nearly eclipsed the all-time record set in March of 1981. And though prices dropped late in the year, the fundamental issues underlying the rise in prices changed little by year's end: war in Iraq, surging demand worldwide, and a lack of new refinery capacity in the U.S.

Some analysts say the auto industry has been in tumult ever since production resumed after World War II. But it's hard to imagine any retrospective since then topping the events of 2005.

In that time, the industry has seen its Big Two pushed to the precipice; has seen the cost of fuel skyrocket as worldwide demand zoomed, particularly in China and India; and has watched as the Korean carmakers aimed for the heights reached by some Japanese brands, only to see the Chinese automakers in their rearview mirror.

As ASQ1401 gets ready for another year of news, reviews and opinion, we've selected this as the most important auto story of the past year. Stay with us next month as we begin 2006 from the floor of the Los Angeles and Detroit auto shows.

See you at the meeting!!!

RE-CERTIFYING AND ASQ CERTIFICATIONS

STEVEN SCHAFFER

Out of a total of 9 members whose certifications expired June 2005, 1 lost their certification, 2 members re-certification is being processed and 6 members completed their re-certifications.

Out of a total of 10 members whose certifications expired December 2005, 5 will lose their certifications if they do not re-certify by the end of June 2006, 0 members re-certification is being processed and 5 members completed their re-certifications.

Out of a total of 7 members whose certifications will expire June 2006, 7 will lose their certifications if they do not re-certify by the end of December 2006, 0 members re-certifications are being processed and 0 members completed their re-certifications.

If anyone has questions on how to re-certify to extend their ASQ Certifications and/or how to synchronize them, if they have more than one, please let me know. Re-certifying by exam now costs more money, since the prices went up January 2005 and is a lot more difficult than re-certifying. You can reach me, the Re-Certification Chair, at 915-612-7392 during working hours and at 915-584-0033 after hours. Both numbers have answering machines and if I don't answer, I will call you as soon as I can. You can also reach me via the Internet at spikequate@cs.com. I am ready to help with any questions you might have about Re-Certifying or about any ASQ Certifications you might have. Call me.

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Our Section is on-line! Make a suggestion – win a FREE meal! <http://asq1401.org>

As you can see, volunteers are always needed in our section; therefore, an invitation to all members to participate in your Section ASQ1401 is extended. Remember, to be involved you just get in contact with somebody in the above list and we explain to you how good is to sharing stories of you own experience with other members.

Answers for the fill in the blank questions:

56. **Facilitator**
57. **Adhocracy**
58. **Review**
59. **Monitor**
60. **Cascading**

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a printed circuit board assembly (PCBA) source inspector with training in IPC-A-610, and 3 –4 years of direct experience in the final inspection of PCBA's. Our supplier is located approximately 3 miles across the border in Juarez, Mexico. This is a 30 - 40 hour per week position, normally working between the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. (MST), depending upon product availability and priority. Overtime is not anticipated, but may be required from time to time. One of the requirements of this position is that this person spends approximately 5 days training in Carlsbad, California with our PCBA inspectors to learn our inspection procedures and documentation. The length of employment is indefinite.

Please feel free to call me anytime if you have any questions. My contact information is confirmed below.

Thank you,

Lindy Nguyen

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