Greater Fort Worth ASQ Section 1416

December 2023

This newsletter is sent by the Greater Fort Worth Section of ASQ as a benefit of your membership.

Section Chair's Message

Ft Worth Members,

It's the Holiday Season and the Fort Worth Section is excited to help make children's Christmas even brighter with our Annual Toys for Tots Drive at our Monthly Professional Development Meeting on Thursday December 14th.

- If you attend in person, please bring an unwrapped and new gift.
- If you are attending remotely a link is provided below, where you may donate if you'd like to give but are unable to attend in person. This includes members who will not be attending by either method.

Note: In 2024 our PD Meetings return to the First Thursdays of the month, starting January 4

We look forward to seeing you!

Jennifer Smith, Section Chair

Contact us

In this month's issue:

• Upcoming Events – Meetings, Toys for Tots, Leader Profile
• Down the Road - Classes, Roundup, Cruise
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Have a great week!

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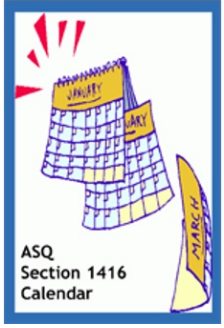
Upcoming Events

LIVE PD Meeting - December 14 - Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Plan:
5:30 – Check-in / Log-in / Networking
6:00 – Tutorial (30 min) - single topic
7:00 – Buffet and Special Meals
7:10 – Recognition and Short What's Happening Meeting
7:30 – Program Speaker (45 min)
8:30 – dismissal

Hybrid Meeting
-- Registration Required –

F2F at Diamond Oaks – 1.0 RU
Remote Webinar Access – 0.25 RU
Both require full participation for RU value above
Partial credit for partial participation



To manage costs, we appreciate registrations for all attendees.

Reservations for meals must be completed by NOON on Tuesday for us to order appropriate meal counts.
Seat reservation will be available after that time, and late meal fee is $30.00.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Annual Toys for Tots – Collection Night

This holiday season marks the continuing existence of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, since its creation in 1991. Please join us in this annual toy drive.

For over seven decades, the Program has evolved and grown exponentially, having delivered hope and the magic of Christmas to over 281 million less fortunate children. Now, in our 77th year, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program also provides year-round support to families experiencing challenges and exceptional circumstances, thus helping to fulfill the hopes and dreams of millions of families and children in need across our great Nation.

Think boy/girl, age 2-12, non-electronic (no batteries) that you would purchase for your children / grandkids, in the $5-20 range.

Please bring TOYS to the Dec 14 PDM.

If not attending in person, use this link to contribute online:Marine Toys for Tots

PS. If you are a past **US Marine**, please wear your cover and help with collections.

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Program Topic: "Lessons Learned About Lessons Learned"

Description:
We all know that Lessons Learned sessions, also called retrospectives, post-project reviews, post mortems, or reflections, are important to learn from the past so we can repeat our successes and implement improvements where we had failures.

In this topic, you will hear about the lessons I have learned from participating in and facilitating lessons learned sessions during my 45+ years in the software industry.

PDM Details & Register

Speaker: Linda Westfall, Founder & Principal, Software Excellence Academy

General Tutorial: "“Lean: It Is About People"

Description:
In a lot of cases lean implementations focus on implementation strategies that drive quick wins and show results. The question of sustainable change and transformation of an organization has puzzled companies during their lean journey for quite some time.

This presentation will explore why “Doing Lean” is so much more than the application of “Lean Tools.”

Speaker: Andreas Rueter, Lean Manager, Recaro Aircraft Seating, Ft Worth

Specialty Tutorial: "NONE - Hybrid Meeting"
– Hybrid PDM cannot accommodate 2nd tutorial topic.

Meeting Sponsor: **Software Excellence Academy**
--- Name: Linda Westfall -- -- Email: lwestfall@westfallteam.com
---- Phone: 972-867-1172 - -- Web: https://westfallteam.mykajabi.com

Link to Meeting Details and Meeting Registration

Remote / Webinar Registration

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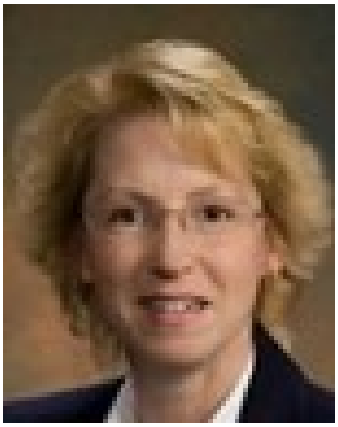
Ft Worth Member-Leader Profile



Jill Freer – Senior ASQ Member
Joined ASQ: November 5, 2006
Re-Joined Section 1416: January 7, 2014
CSSBB Certification: October 20, 2007
CQE Certification: June 5, 2010

Jill was born in Michigan, near Detroit.

Education: Went to University of Michigan-Dearborn, graduating with a BSIE, Industrial & Systems Engineering in 1977. In 1993, Jill gained a Master In Management (MIM) Degree at Arizona State University's Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Job Experience:

US Army: 1983 - 1989
After Graduation, Jill went to Yuma Arizona to work at the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), working for the US Army as a Civilian Project Engineer. Her job was to develop and test various Helicopter Armament systems. She really liked her job, said it allowed her to fly around in high performance helicopters and "blow the desert up!"

McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Co / Boeing: 1989 - 2000
Jill worked the next 11 years in the Phoenix and Mesa areas for McDonnell Douglas Helicopter and then Boeing when they bought them out. Her job there was similar to that with the Army, working with Helicopter Armament systems, her job title was Industrial Engineer and Quality Navigator. While working at Boeing, she was trained in the Six Sigma, Lean, and Teams disciplines. By the way, she says she had never heard of ASQ and their certifications until coming to Fort Worth.

From 2000 to 2004, Jill and her husband Mark went on a long, long sabbatical, crisscrossing the USA and Alaska in a Fifth Wheel RV, "best time of their lives" she says. She says they loved Alaska the best, staying there 18 months altogether.

FedEx Ground: 2004 - 2005
Back to Phoenix, she took a job with FedEx Ground as an Industrial Engineer. Tasked to Improve "hub cross-dock operations by optimizing manpower to volume, reducing waste of rehandling, reducing misload errors, and implementing improved work methods." She said the work here was "Grueling!"

Bell Helicopter: 2005 - 2007
Finally came to Fort Worth! Bell needed a Six Sigma Specialist and she fit the bill. She worked with Rotor Blades. Also, while at Bell, she took it upon herself to study for the ASQ Six Sigma Black Belt Certification, passed it on first try.

Parker Hannifin: 2007 - 2008
Jill Moved across town in Fort Worth over to Parker Hannifin, a company that specialized in military grade hydraulic tubes and hoses. Her Job there was as a Continuous Improvement Specialist. By the way, Section 1416 has toured there several times.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Palmdale, CA: 2008 – 2013
In 2008, Jill moved over to Lockheed, but it wasn't across town this time, it was all the way to Palmdale, California. Job title was Quality Engineer Lead & Master Black Belt. Among many other things, her job was to "Lead lean/six sigma change implementation, facilitate kaizens. Teach and mentor Black Belts/Green Belts."

Northrop Grumman, Palmdale, CA: 2013 – 2013
She moved across town in Palmdale to Northrop, working as Quality Engineer Master Black Belt. Worked on the F-35

Lockheed Martin Aerospace, Fort Worth: 2013 – 2022
Finally, Back to Texas and Back to Lockheed. Job Title was Operations Engineer, Staying here until she retired in 2022.

Though Jill is still busy with other endeavors, she is officially retired.

Best Place Worked: Yuma Proving Ground was the most Enjoyable (blowing stuff up), Lockheed Texas was the Most Relevant, (I was Team Lead on an eleven-person team doing “Quality in the Field” (Supplier Quality) – “we had an obvious great impact.”

Hobbies: Bird Watching, reading, sewing, exercising, traveling

Lessons on Quality:
Best Problem-Solving Tools: A3 Methodology when complicated, Cause Mapping when not.

Best Error Prevention Tool: Mistake Proofing driven by FMEAs

Definition of Quality: “Job Done Right, First Time”

Jobs Held at ASQ Fort Worth: Section Auditor and Education Chair

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Down the Road...

Build Your Resume -

NOW is the time to consider earning an ASQ Certification.

Classes start in February, with a Early Registration Deadline Discount of $100 payable in mid-January.

Early decision and registration completes your commitment, and becomes the basis for us to assure instructor availability. A minimum of 4 participants is required to make the class a GO status.

Actions:
- Determine what certification is most valuable to your career
- Understand the education / experience requirements
- Investigate company support (funding) of the class and exam
- Budget your immediate and/or long term "investment"
- Make the commitment - Register for the class.

Certification Classes Information

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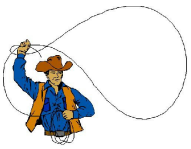
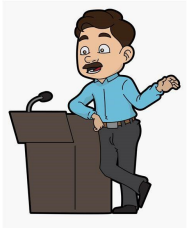


2024 Cowtown Quality Roundup / Conference
-- Save the Date - Friday, April 5 - All Day --

Skills to Use ----- Learn Today - Apply Monday

The 24th annual ASQ Greater Fort Worth 1416 quality conference is set for Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Radisson Meacham. Be sure to save the date for a day of learning that can be applied the next day.



We are planning 5 tracks with 3 sessions each plus a keynote speaker:
1. Auditing & Compliance
2. Continuous Improvement Tools
3. Leadership & Personal Development
4. Quality Engineering
5. Quality Management Systems

-- Call for Speakers --
If you are interested in being a speaker, please contact Peter Stamps (pstamps.asq@gmail.com) or Cindy Duhigg (cduhigg@aol.com).

Contact Peter Stamps, Roundup Chair

2024 ASQ Texas Quality Cruise
-- Sep 22-29 -- from Galveston --
.... Royal Harmony of the Seas ....

- - - Accepting Registrations - - -

Itinerary:
Sun, 22-Sep.. embark ship in Galveston 12–3 pm
Three Days... days at sea – 6 hours of session topics - 3.0 RU
Three Days... days in port – Roatan, Costa Maya, Cozumel
Sun, 29-Sep.. disembark typically by 10 am – travel home

Conference Fees:
$150 Conference participant
$ 50 all non-seminar guests

Group Cabin Rates:
$1046 pp for Balcony
.. 954 pp for Ocean View
.. 663 pp for Inside

Add these to above regardless of cabin choice:
.. $135.38 pp for Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses
..$112.00 pp tips for stateroom and dining staff
If going “solo”, the cabin price doubles, but fees above are not doubled

Payment Schedule:
NOW – Conference Registration – $150 Seminar participant – less for guest
To Jun 22 – Cruise Reservation – $500 deposit for cabin
By Aug 22 – 30 days – final arrangements for travel
Sep 22 – departure – Bon Voyage

Questions: John Breckline - 817-401-0412 - jbreckline@att.net

Much more information -- See our Web Page

Resources

ASQ Re-Certification Webinar - The Online System

RECORDING AVAILABLE

Did you miss this webinar? Recording and PPT deck are available on our myASQ Community > Resources.

On-Line:
• RU documentation upload, storage & recall of source
• Current status tracking to renewal date
• Fast processing on completion once confirmed

Section System:
• Tracking of Section-sponsored activities
• Consolidated summary reports

Click to Access on myASQ:

ASQ Member Gift

ASQ's annual recap gift bundle continues to be a popular bonus for members, so we want to continue offering it. This bundle gives you an extra month of access to all of the best resources from 2023 monthly gift bundles before they're gone, including:

- More than 20 free e-books
- Over 37 expert webcasts
- Dozens of case studies and benchmarking reports
- 32 Downloadable tools and templates
- Hundreds of additional resources on nearly a dozen quality topics
- And much more...

ACCESS MY GIFT

Be sure to save these resources for quick and easy future reference and consider this our way of saying thank you again, for your ongoing commitment to quality.

myASQ Community Site

The Ft Worth Section hosts a Community (home) page. Once logged in, click on **myHome**. It takes you to the Section (under Communities) as well as any divisions you are registered with. We have our EVENTS posted, as well as opportunities to engage or initiate DISCUSSIONS, and access RESOURCES and various PPT and recording FILES from prior events. JOIN US THERE! Then discover the opportunities to expand your skill-set and network virtually.

▪ On the Ft Worth Community, under Resources, find information on Certifications, Divisions, New Member data, and How To instructions on setting up myASQ Notification & Subscriptions and Updating your email preferences.

Link to Additional myASQ Resources

DFW Area Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide ASQ members within a specific industry or -quality practice access to networking, education, and support from other ASQ professionals with distinct expertise and experience. One powerful result of this interactive process is that each SIG harnesses its knowledge and experience to influence the future quality of products, services, and direction of ASQ.

Audit SIG
• Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month –
• Chair: Jerry Capstick, jcapstick@gramercyinc.net 469-688-9651
• More: https://asqdallas.org/audit-sig/

Lean Six-Sigma SIG
• Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month.
• Chair: Bob Shelton, sheltonrw@gmail.com 214-406-2163
• More: https://asqdallas.org/the-lean-6-sigma-sig/

Food, Drug & Cosmetics SIG
• Meets quarterly - see link
• Chair: Sharon McNair, smcnair@mannatech.com 214-300-1422
• More: https://asqdallas.org/the-food-drug-cosmetics-sig/

DFW Medical Device Discussion Group
• Typically meets the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month.
• Chair: Robert Shanks, bobshanks52@hotmail.com
• More: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3791422/

Dallas Website - General Access

Recognition

Recent Certifications:

In 2022 and 2023, there were very few new certifications. Unfortunately, ASQ has chosen not to inform sections in their monthly member lists about members earning new ones.

We will continue recognizing members at PD Meetings for any new certifications earned in the past few months. Step forward!

When will YOU build your Quality Resume with an ASQ Certification?

Certifications improve both internal promotability and job search marketability.

GET KNOLEDGE
GET NOTICED
GET CERTIFIED

Recognition Web Page

Visit our webpage on our Ft Worth website. It contains the following:

Membership:
• Perfect Attendance at PD Meetings in 2023-23 -**UPDATED 2023-10**
• Cumulative Certifications - 3, 5, 7+ listings --- ---**UPDATED 2022-01**
• Membership Tenure - 5 Year Increments -- --- ---**UPDATED 2021-12**

Leadership:
• Leadership Longevity - 3, 7, 10, 20 Year
• Special Leadership: Rookie, Key, DSA
• Sections Chairs - All Since 1981

Website -- Recognition

ASQ Greater Fort Worth Section Leadership

Section Chair	- Jennifer Smith	- first term
Treasurer	- Paul Amira	- second term
Secretary	- Paul Cummings	- first term
Vice Chair	- Michelle Locke	- first term
Vice Chair	- John Breckline	- past terms

Jennifer

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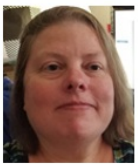
Michelle

John

We're ALWAYS open to your comments and suggestions.

Email Chair

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