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Rochester Section 0204

ASQ Rochester April 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Chair:

Hello to ASQ Rochester!!!

It has been a long winter and I am seeing signs of Spring!!! There is hope that our lives will be able to return to some flavor of normalcy in the coming months! For ASQ Rochester, it's coming together!!!

Conference: I am very excited to say we have paid the deposit and signed the contract for our Conference planned for October 21st! Rasa Clair and the conference committee are doing a great job! Keep a look out for a Call for Papers and other information! I am optimistic that this conference will be a super reunion for Rochester quality professionals!!!

Virtual Programs: Franklin Allen has pulled off our first virtual program meeting on March 23 with a talk by Ed Biernat, CEO of "Consulting with Impact". Ed led the discussion of "A Bullet Proof Vest for your Supply Chain – Lessons Learned from the Pandemic". This talk covered the many Lean Manufacturing tools that companies have adopted over the recent years that in many cases led to shortfalls in the supply chain due to chaos resulting from plants being shut down, and orders not following predicted sales. Having good Value Stream Maps and other lean tools make the communication and decision making significantly more efficient. Participants earned .5 RU's for attending. Franklin is also working on our next virtual event with Dr. Hiloni Bhasvar, Rochester Regional Health's Chief Quality Officer!

Keep checking the Website and your inbox for announcements!

Data Analytics: An Introduction to Python virtual workshop is planned for May led by Paul Yacci. This will occur over three evenings. Even though Python is free, it can be very difficult to navigate through all the different on-line information to get to a proficient level. Paul is going to lead students through the set-up process and then use simulated quality data to show how python scripts can significantly improve the efficiency of the data analytic process. Space will be limited to 15 students to enable Paul to provide individual coaching. Check the website and email for the announcement flyer.

Scholarships and S.T.E.M: Ted Skomsky is leading the S.T.E.M Grant Committee. The team is busy creating the policy and system to be able to offer grants to programs promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to school age students. James Bongard is continuing his leadership of the Scholarship Committee to support college students. Check the website and email for announcement flyers.



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Networking: Once restrictions on public gatherings relax, Frank Battaglia will be involved with casual networking events, and plant tours. We are optimistic that we may have something for late spring this year. Keep checking the website for updates.

Website: Much work is going into ensuring our website effectively communicates to our section. Please share the website with your colleagues in quality and encourage them to register for ASQ Rochester latest information on upcoming events and programs!

ASQ Rochester Leadership and Committee participation: Becoming involved with the ASQ Rochester committees is a great way to build your professional network, build leadership skills and become involved in meaningful and fun events! Membership in ASQ National is encouraged, but not required.

Please feel free to reach out and contact us!

It is going to be an exciting and fun year!!!

“It’s coming together!!!”

Eric Alden