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ASQ Rochester February 2022 Newsletter

Message from the Chair:

By W. Frazier Pruitt

How we got here...

A month into being ASQ Rochester Section Chairperson I have already gained a new appreciation for the responsibility of the position. It is fortunate that I get enough motivation from my great team and great expectations for the future to carry on. Still, it does make me think of those who came before and cleared the path.

ASQ, then known as ASQC, was formed seventy six years ago in February of 1946. Since even before that foundation Rochester has had great leaders in Quality. Recently as well, we have great folks like David Lee whose four terms included steering us through a tumultuous 2020. In 2021 Eric Alden stepped up again with a vision of reestablishing the section's prior glory. Eric recruited new and experienced section volunteers and shared with us a vision.

I owe a great deal to past leaders and Eric in particular. Without past leaders setting the foundation, we would not be in a position to stabilize the process and move on new exciting things. Thank you Eric!

Rochester is now on a roll. Since the last newsletter we have added three people to our Leadership Committee and still have room for more. For a recap of our amazing 2021 check out the January Newsletter. If you would like to be a part of our 2022 please reach out to me at any time.

What is next...

Understanding the customer. Gaining VoC knowledge is the next step for us to revitalize ASQ Rochester. Like any organization we need to understand the wants and needs of our members. To do this we need input from active members but not just active members. We need input from inactive members and



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potential members and even former members. We need input from people who have never heard of ASQ and people from other functions that could benefit from our tools and knowledge.

Please help by taking five minutes to complete our survey and share it with as many people as you can. [Link to Survey](#) (you may even win a \$25 gift card)

All the best,

Frazier

Newsletter Updates

It was an incredible year of rebuilding and ASQ Rochester has started some amazing new offerings. Below are some of the highlights.

Highlights from January

In January Eric Alden presented “Reliability Engineering with Excel and Pivot Tables” at RAMS (The Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium). This is a prestigious conference and his paper was well received. Congratulations and thank you Eric! The paper will be posted at our website ASQRochester.org

Also in January, ASQ Rochester hosted a presentation by Stefan Friedrich on “Automated Gaging: How to Improve Traceability & Process Control.” Stefan has followed up on his blog to capture some of the two way discussion from the presentation. I recommend it for anything thinking about Quality 4.0. The blog can be found [here](#) and the recording from the presentation [here](#).

Coming up soon!

Anyone looking for professional development or RUs, should mark the calendars for the following:

February 23 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Therese Costich is presenting “Surfing the Tsunami of the Digital Transformation Journey.” Therese is the author of “Excelling on a Digital Transformation Journey - A Field Guide That Will Help You Define Your Success,” published by Quality Press.

In March John Predmore will present, “Better Root Cause Analysis for More Successful Problem-Solving.” Keep your eye open for an email with the date and time. Signup for our emails at ASQRochester.com



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Coming up soon for our partners

Also coming up in March, ASQ NextGen invites to the inaugural Winter Social on March 8, 2022 More information will be on [MyASQ NextGen](#).

Lastly, the Greater Rochester Quality Council (GRQC), an affiliate of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and collaborator with ASQ Rochester, is pleased to announce the 2022 Performance Excellence Awards.

The GRQC Performance Excellence Award Program helps organizations in all sectors of the economy gain valuable insights into strategic areas of their operations, connect with like-minded leaders in high performing organizations, and earn formal recognition for achieving excellence through continuous improvement methodologies. Check [GRQC Website](#) for more information.

Don't forget to complete and share our Survey!

Don't forget to fill out our VOC survey for a chance to win one of up to four \$25 Amazon gift cards. [Link to Survey](#) Your voice is needed to determine the what, when and how of future ASQ Rochester programming. Please don't forget to share with folks in your organization.

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Our vision is to be a recognized authority and champion for quality in the Greater Rochester area.

Our mission is to advance individual and organizational excellence in the Greater Rochester Community through education and training in quality principles and technologies, and to promote quality professionalism by members.