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There Will Be No Dinner Meeting During July Or August

Next Dinner Meeting will be in September

DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2006

LOCATION: Sticky Fingers
7690 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.50 per person

Big Drawing at the September Meeting for a free admission to the PMI Annual Event: A Day with Dr, Eliyahu Goldratt, author of The Goal and considered to be the father of Theory of Constraints.

Worth \$424! Must be present to win.

Visit The Lowcountry
ASQ Section 1122
Website at:
<http://www.asq1122.org>

September Speaker: Dan Furlong

Title: Good Project Management = Good Quality

Presentation Synopsis: Come take part in a discussion about why project management helps to ensure better quality results and how shortchanging the process almost always results in failure. We will also discuss some newer concepts in project management and how they may help improve our success rates.

Speaker Bio:**Dan Furlong, MBA, PMP, SSCPM**

Dan Furlong serves as the Project Management Officer for the Medical University of South Carolina's Office of the CIO (OCIO). Dan has served as an IT Project Manager for over sixteen years, split almost evenly between private sector and public sector service.

Dan earned his BS in Computer Science from the College of Charleston and then his MBA from The Citadel. He is a SC Senior State Certified Project Manager and teaches project management courses within the state's certification program.

He leads the OCIO Project Management Office for MUSC, an academic teaching hospital that includes three hospitals, six colleges and a physician practice plan.

Dan has conducted many workshops and delivered many presentations on Project Management. His recent engagements include SCITDA Fall Conference, Atlanta PMI Professionals Development Day (where he earned the top speaker scores for the event), SC GMIS Project Management Workshops, GMIS International Conference, SC Organization for Project Excellence (SCOPE), Charleston PMI, College of Charleston's BS and MPA programs, Midlands PMI Annual Event keynote, SC CIO Forum and Executive Summit and MUSC's MHA program. Dan was also a keynote speaker at the international Program Office Summit where he spoke on Leadership and Project Management.

Dan serves on the boards of SC Government Management Information Services (GMIS), where he serves as President, and Charleston PMI where he serves as Vice President.

He is also a member of the SC Division of the CIO's Project Management Training and Certification Committee, the SC Division of the CIO's Project Management Methodology Committee, and the 2006 and 2007 CIO Forum & Executive Summit's Advisory Council.

Notes from the Chair

July marked the beginning of a new year for ASQ nationwide. The Carolina Lowcountry ASQ board took office on July 1, 2007. The board met in July to make general plans for the new year. We are looking forward to providing increased society value from ASQ activities. Please see the list of officers in this newsletter. We are always available. Our contact numbers are listed. As well, we can be contacted using the "Contact Us" link in the ASQ Section 1122 website.

We would like to solicit and will value your input for the following areas: Monthly meeting dates and time, Monthly meeting topics, Speaker suggestions, Special event ideas, & Training needs for the Lowcountry Quality Conference. Take a few minutes to visit our website and send us your suggestions.

Please see details about the "Each one, reach one" membership program in this newsletter. There are many member benefits. Take advantage of the wealth of information and resources provided in our national ASQ website. Membership provides discounts on conferences, discounts on certification fees, professional certifications, search and download job specific articles and white papers, online training and publications that keep us up-to-date on the latest trends in quality.

These days, the work place is in constant change. As quality professionals, we are used to change. It is our daily challenge to be the catalyst for change toward improvement at work. We do well at meeting the challenge at work. Let's strive to extend the challenge to all our environments; at home, at play, and in our communities.

"A world of high velocity change calls for radical shifts in behavior. Specifically, we must think differently. Reorder our priorities. Develop faster reflexes. Give the culture an entirely new set of responses. We can't afford to ignore change and just do what comes naturally. We must face reality and do what works."

Quote from *Culture Shift*, by Price Pritchett.

Section Info

The monthly meetings will continue to be the fourth Tuesday of the month. Visit the section website for information on location and speakers.

Watch for information this year for a membership appreciation event.

Mark your Calendar for the next Lowcountry Quality Conference: Friday, May 16, 2008

The section has lost two excellent board members to job re-location. We have lost Jerry Barkley, Chair Elect/Historian and Tom Anderson, Secretary. Both these men contributed greatly to the section. They will be missed and we wish them well.

Welcome first time board members! We will miss outgoing board members but are grateful that they continue in ASQ membership and remain in the area as excellent resources.

ASQ Info

Each One Reach One Refer a Member Program

Through the Each One Reach One program, ASQ members network with their peers and build their quality communities. After you join, tell your colleagues about ASQ and the benefits of membership. Let them know about the value they will find through ASQ membership.

Each new member is another person to network with – another person to learn from.

For every Regular ASQ Member you refer that joins, you will earn 5 ASQ Bucks (5 ASQ Bucks = \$5). Refer a company that joins as a Sustaining Member, and you'll receive 120 ASQ Bucks.

Achieve Solutions.

Use ASQ Bucks toward:

- Your Membership renewal
- Books and Standards
- Conference of your choice
- Training Certification

*To use your ASQ Bucks toward your membership renewal, you must accumulate a minimum of 25 ASQ Bucks.

**IMPORTANT: Your name and member number must be in the “Member Referred by” line on the new member application to earn ASQ Bucks.
Visit the ASQ website to download a membership application or to register online!**

Special Event

*****The Charleston Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI) is offering all ASQ Members a \$100 dollar discount off admission price of their annual event. Get an additional \$75 off if you register before September 1, 2007.*****

Join PMI Charleston
for a day with **Dr. Eliyahu Goldratt** where he will talk about innovative, yet proven, approaches to managing projects.

Date: November 13, 2007

Time: 8:30 a.m – 5:00 p.m. (End time subject to change)

Location: Trident Technical College, Complex for Economic Development

Cost: \$324 for members of SC GMIS, AITP and ASQ. \$424 for all others

Registration: E-mail Dan Furlong at furlongd.pdd@musc.edu

For more information call 843-452-4461

PDU's: PMP's and SC Certified Project Managers will earn 7 PDU's.

Dr. Goldratt has sold over five million copies of his books including *The Goal, Beyond the Goal, It's Not Luck, The Race, The Haystack Syndrome, Theory of Constraints, and Critical Chain.*

Lean Alliance forming in Lowcountry region

Are you a manufacturer in the coastal region currently using Lean Manufacturing practices in your facility, or are you a company interested in implementing Lean? If you answered yes, then you are an excellent candidate for the Lowcountry Lean Alliance.

Other South Carolina Lean Alliances currently exist in Greenwood, the Upstate, the Metrolina region, and the Pee Dee region. The group of alliances represents leading South Carolina manufacturers and is sponsored by South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP). The companies have been brought together by a common interest in Lean Manufacturing, a desire for continuous improvement, and the opportunity to share experiences.

Each lean alliance conducts Lean events monthly at members' plants where members demonstrate Lean best practices; they benchmark each others' processes; and they network with each other to reach better solutions in their own plants.

A candidate for the Lowcountry Lean Alliance should have started its Lean journey, or plans to start a program, be willing to host events and participate in events at other plants, not be a direct competitor of a current member, agree not to disclose proprietary observations outside the consortium, and pay an annual membership fee.

If you are interested in learning more about getting involved in the formation of the Lowcountry Lean Alliance, please contact Jennifer DeWitt of the Lowcountry Manufacturers Council (LMC) at 843-574-6300 or jdewitt@lmcsc.org. (*Participation is the Lean Alliance is open to all area manufacturers regardless of LMC membership status. The LMC is assisting with the formation of the alliance.*)

Learn more about the statewide alliances at www.scleanalliance.org.

From the Placement Chair**Job Title: Manager of Quality, Safety and Compliance**

ArborGen of Summerville is seeking a seasoned manager who has gained considerable working knowledge in quality, safety and compliance matters within a manufacturing, distribution and/or R&D facility. Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer, the Manager of Quality, Safety and Compliance Manager will be responsible for:

- Plant product quality and customer satisfaction
- Quality improvement including managing and developing quality systems
- Audits and documentation requirements
- Staff training and development in the use of quality tools and methodologies
- Development and management of ArborGen's audit program for regulatory compliance
- Development and oversight of training programs for compliance activities and reporting
- Development, implementation and maintenance of health and safety programs

Qualifications:

- 7 or more years of experience in quality in biotechnology, biomanufacturing, agriculture, food and/or food ingredients or pharmaceuticals
- A bachelor's degree; an advanced degree in a relevant discipline preferred
- Ability to work in cross-functional teams with strong interpersonal communications skills
- Well organized and an effective planner in the use of resources while demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness as market needs dictate
- Additional training and/or certifications {i.e. CQA, CQM} preferred
- Computer proficiency in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel applications

Offered by: ArborGen, LLC Presented By ASESC - Retained Executive Search Firm

If interested, please contact Adam Smith with Adam Smith Executive Search Consulting, 2434 South Walter Reed Drive, Suite D, Arlington, VA 22206, Email: asesc@verizon.net, Voice: (703)998-8118.

Company URL: www.arborgen.com

Summerville Web Address:

http://www.summerville.sc.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={4D5F75D9-5BCF-410C-85E2-FA48BAB8F8AE}

Recertification Contact

Here is the link to the ASQ website for recertification: <http://www.asq.org/cert/recert/rucredits/index.html>
and for future exam dates: <http://www.asq.org/certification/dates.html>
or you can call: 1-800-248-1946

If you have any other questions, you can also contact Dean Creed, our Certification Coordinator, for Section 1122 at 843-761-8000 ext. 4773

Recertification packets should be mailed to:
Dean B. Creed
M202
P.O. Box 2946101
1 Riverwood Dr.
MonksCorner SC 29401-2901

<i>TITLE of CERTIFICATION</i>	<i>APPLICATION DEAD LINE</i>	<i>EXAM DATE</i>	<i>TITLE of CERTIFICATION</i>	<i>APPLICATION DEAD LINE</i>	<i>EXAM DATE</i>
Reliability Engineer	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007	Quality Improvement Associate	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007
Six Sigma Black Belt	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007	Quality Process Analyst	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007
Six Sigma Green Belt	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007	Quality Inspector	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007
Software Reality Engineer	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007	Manager of Quality Organizational Excellence	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007
Quality Technician	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007	HACCP Auditor	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007
Quality Auditor	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007	Calibration Technician	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007
Quality Engineer	October 5, 2007	December 1, 2007	Biomedical Auditor	Extended to August 31, 2007	October 20, 2007

DON'T FORGET TO RE-CERTIFY!!!!!!

Board Opportunities to Support Section 1122

Our section currently has five open board positions, **Chair Elect, Secretary, Historian, Publicity Chair and Program Chair**. It is important that we fill these key positions quickly so that our annual planning can continue focusing on another successful year.

Please let us know if you are interested in serving in any of these roles for fiscal year 2007, July 07 – June 08.

Becoming a section member chair is a great way to get involved with the section. As a chair volunteer, you can enhance your leadership skills, increase your visibility in the quality community, and publicly develop and support the quality movement. You will support the section event planning and participate in monthly board meetings. Both the monthly dinner meetings and board meetings are open doors for networking with others in local industry. Recertification points are also allowed for participating at the section board level.

Please contact the section at board@asq1122.org if you would like to help in these positions or if you are interested and just have questions. We are anxious to share the details of these positions with you. Thanks for you support.

CAROLINA LOWCOUNTRY ASQ SECTION 1122
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2007 - 2008

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