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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This Thanksgiving I think I gobbled till I wobbled. At family gatherings, it is important to try everyone’s dish so there are no hard feelings. At least that is what I tell myself when I am thankful for elastic waist garments I wear on that day. I hope all of you had a safe, joyous, and happy Thanksgiving.

Our November meeting was great. Dr. Parks did a fantastic job of presenting a part of lean manufacturing principles. He was concerned that the meeting would go beyond the usual 8 PM adjournment and did his very best to stay within the time frame—which he was able to do. I am thankful that I am not one of his students; there is no way I could take notes as fast as he went. Even with the speed, he did make the topic understandable and was able to provide several applications of the process. Once I got past DOE meaning Design of Experiments (and not the Department of Energy), it all made sense.

Our December meeting will be at the Emmitt House in Waverly on December 16, 2004. The meeting is designed to be of interest to both members and their spouses/significant others. The Executive Committee of ASQ SVS encourages you to make the December meeting a part of your Christmas holiday plans. The presentation, while an applicable topic for an ASQ meeting, will not be as technical as most of our presentations. Hence, it will be a time to relax with good friends, good food, and learn about a subject of which most of you have little knowledge. Our speaker will be a good friend of mine, Rita Fishel. Rita has a strong textile background, has a love of quilting and is a very enthusiastic speaker. She is the owner of *Creations Sew Clever* quilt shop in Chillicothe. Rita’s topic will be on the Underground Railroad and the use of quilts as signals. She will also discuss the evolution of fabrics from the Civil War period to the present as part of a continuous improvement process. I urge all of you to take part in this meeting. It should be a fun meeting just in time for the holidays. I will warn you that quilting is in Rita’s blood and she feels it is her duty to pass this love on to others. *Creations Sew Clever* has become a black hole for me; I just get sucked in and just have to buy new fabric, notions, and books, plus even worse for my checkbook, a few very expensive sewing machines. And for those of you who are aware that I was making an Underground RR quilt, the answer is no, I haven’t finished it.

Please get your reservations in early for the December meeting. The Emmitt House is requiring ASQ SVS to give a count much sooner than our normal requirements. So get your reservations for you and your spouse in soon so you are not left out of this fun and interesting meeting.

Pamela Sperling
 Chair, ASQ Scioto Valley Section
 Fiscal Year 7/1/2003-6/30/2004

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2004 – 2005

The schedule below provides tentative information for upcoming programs. As information comes in, we will provide updates.

Meeting Date	Location	Theme	Speaker/Topic
September 09/23/2004	Chillicothe	ODOT Tour & Presentation	Quality in ODOT—tour of District 9 HQ
October 10/19/04	Piketon	OSU Env. Labs Tour and Presentation	Geoff Wallat – QC Measures and Management Practices in Aquaculture
November 11/18/04	Jackson	Speaker	Dr. Charles M. Parks – Lean Manufacturing applied to Design of Experiments
December 12/16/04	Waverly (Emmitt House)	Spouse Night	Rita Fishel—Quilts as signals for the Underground RR
January	Portsmouth	Tour	Coke or Pepsi—Quality in food processing
February	Canter's Cave	Speaker	Wes Richardson—Quality in Training/Certification
March	Not set	Speaker	Zimmer Corp—Quality in Medical Instrumentation
April 4/12/05	Chillicothe?	Tour	Telesis tour with Mead as backup Joint meeting with Columbus
May	Huntington?	Tour	Quality in Glass Processing
June	Moyer's	Tour and year-end wrap up	Quality in winemaking

DECEMBER PROGRAM – “QUALITY IN QUILTING & ‘THE SUBTERRANEAN TRAIN’ ” AT THE EMMITT HOUSE RESTAURANT, WAVERLY, OH

The historic Emmitt House Restaurant in Waverly, Ohio, will be the site of the December meeting of the Scioto Valley Section, American Society for Quality (ASQ). The meeting date is Thursday, December 16.

Following dinner and a brief Section business meeting, an ASQ Section officer will introduce the speaker and the program presentation will begin. In keeping with the historic theme of the Emmitt House, this program offers an inside look and provides a historic perspective of the Underground Railroad and the use of Quilts as a covert communications instrument.

The speaker for this meeting will be Rita Fishel, a graduate of the University of Akron and owner of *Creations Sew Clever*, a quilt shop in Chillicothe, OH, since 1992. In 1999 Rita read the book, *Hidden In Plain View* by Jacqueline Tobin & Raymond Dobard, PhD, and became fascinated by the story of signal quilts of the Underground Railroad. In her lecture, Rita uses a Sampler Quilt of the blocks described in the book. As Rita prepared this quilt, she spent hours learning more and more about signal quilts and their use as a form of communication among the slaves and the abolitionists before the time of the Civil War.

In her presentation Rita tells the story of one woman's family and the part the Signal Quilts played in their search for freedom. Imagine life in the southern United States in the early 1800's, and discover what it might have been like to live as a slave, an abolitionist (<http://afgen.com/slave1.html>) or a plantation owner during the turbulent years leading up to the Civil War.

Among the topics discussed will be the fabric choices – then and now, and the difference in the quality and availability of the goods. Questions are always welcomed at the end of the presentation.

All Scioto Valley Section affiliates, other local ASQ members and anyone interested in the Society or the subjects of Quality, Continuous Improvement or the meeting theme are encouraged to attend. ASQ members holding certification will **earn 0.3 re-certification units** (RU's) for the meeting and program.

Here are the arrangements:

DATE: Thursday, December 16, 2004

LOCATION: The Emmitt House Restaurant at 123 N. Market Street (intersection of Routes 23 and 220) in Waverly, OH.

<http://www.pikettravel.com/toigpage.asp?zid=170&zregion=&zcounty=PIKE&zname=memb&zcaller=county.asp>

DIRECTIONS: The Emmitt House Restaurant address is 123 North Market Street in Waverly, Ohio 45690. The restaurant is located on the SE corner of the intersection of Routes 23 and 220 just north of the Vallery Ford auto dealership. The Emmitt House Restaurant phone is (740) 947-2181.

AGENDA: 5:30-6:15 p.m. - Registration and networking
6:15-7:00 p.m. - Dinner
7:00-7:45 p.m. - "Signal Quilts of the Underground Railroad", presented by Rita Fishel, President, Creations Sew Clever, Chillicothe, OH.

MENU: The entree options are Boneless Pork Loin or Chicken Charley.

- Pork Loin is accompanied by mashed potatoes with gravy, applesauce, cranberry glaze, vegetable, salad, bread, vanilla ice cream for dessert, and tea or coffee.
- Chicken Charley is accompanied by baked potato, vegetable, salad, bread, vanilla ice cream for dessert, and tea or coffee.

COST: The charge for the dinner is \$18.00. You may attend the program only, without dinner, at no cost. However, pre-registration is still required.

RESERVATIONS: Pre-registration is required by Friday, December 10th.

Mail a check for \$18 for each dinner reservation made payable to "ASQ Scioto Valley Section" along with name, employer, address and telephone number of each person attending, to the following address:

ASQ Scioto Valley Section
PO Box 1947
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Telephone and E-mail reservations are acceptable, subject to payment. The simplest way to register is by E-mail to Bob Rinderman at rindermanrr@ports.usec.com. You can also call me at 740-897-2440. Reservations can also be arranged with any other ASQ Scioto Valley Section officer or committee chairperson.

Meal commitments made, but not honored, are subject to payment unless canceled by phone or electronic mail before 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 14. The Scioto Valley Section must pay for all meals ordered. Therefore, there will be no refunds of paid reservations canceled after that deadline.

CERTIFICATION PREPARATION

The following link on the ASQNet.org web page provides valuable information on resources to help you prepare for the various certifications that ASQ offers:

http://www.asq.org/portal/page?_pageid=33,39211,33_39258&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&in_url=/career/index.html

ASQ CERTIFICATION EXAMS

The following table lists the various certifications offered by ASQ, the exam dates, the application deadlines, and costs:

Cert.	Exam Date	Application Deadline	Member Cost
CHA	Not Posted	Not Posted	\$180
CMI	Not Posted	Not Posted	\$155
CQM	03/05/05	01/07/05	\$235
CQT	Not Posted	Not Posted	\$155
CRE	03/05/05	01/07/05	\$180
SSBB	03/05/05	01/07/05	\$180

Certification examinations will be held at The Ohio State University, Research and Development Center in Piketon, since this site is at the approximate geographical center of the area served by section 815.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our own SVS web page provides listing of employment opportunities as they become available. You can check it out at <http://www.asqsvs.org/employment.html>.

Also, check out the following link on the ASQNet.org web page for career opportunities:

http://www.asq.org/portal/page?_pageid=33,39211,33_39258&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&in_url=/career/index.html

Even if you are not looking for a job right now, just reviewing the postings from time to time will help you keep abreast of the kinds of qualifications and experience employers are looking for in the quality career market.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – OHIO ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Please register by Wednesday, 12/8/2004 by calling Kylie Collins at 740-593-1539 (e-mail: imse@ohio.edu) in order to provide for the event planning logistics.

- Who:** People interested in helping improve the region's manufacturing base.
- What:** Development Workshop for the Ohio Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise Partnership
- When:** Friday December 10th, 2004 9:30 AM—3:15 PM (Lunch Provided)
- Where:** Ohio University's Russ College of Engineering and Technology — Room 103 Stocker Center
- Why:** To lay the foundation for a partnership between regional manufacturers, university faculty, large international manufacturers and other interested parties with expectation to seek funding from federal (NSF) and state agencies.

The Ohio Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise Partnership (OAMEP) will supply manufacturers in the region with knowledge and resources to improve competitiveness with activities in four strategic directions: the application of advanced manufacturing science to current plant problems, the development of an infrastructure for technology transfer, the development of advanced and non-degree workforce training, and enhanced higher education in manufacturing.

- Program:** 9:30 – 10:00 Welcome - Introduction—C. M. Parks/Dean (103 Stocker Center)
10:00— 11:00 Present concept of PFI proposal (15 minutes for each direction)
11:15— 12:00 Feedback/Discussion
12:00— 1:00 Lunch/continue discussion
1:00 - 2:30 Breakout sessions on areas/topics/problems
2:45 - 3:15 Wrap-up

The National Science Foundation, through their Partnership For Innovation has funded similar initiatives in the past. We hope to build a successful partnership to improve manufacturing throughout the region.

Contact info: Dr. Charles M. Parks
Professor and Chair, IMSE Department
Ohio University
parksc@ohio.edu

Location: (for directions to OU campus see <http://www.ohiou.edu/athens/travel.html>)

From Campus Entrance to Stocker Center, as you enter the University across the Hocking river, you'll see Peden Stadium on the right and the Convocation Center on the left. After you pass the Convocation Center, take the first left (see). Stocker Center is Building 103. Parking should be available around the Convocation Center.

We will meet in Room 103 inside of Stocker Center. Room 103 is just inside the main entrance.

Transportation: Wade Midkiff and Dave Boulay will be going. Dave is looking to car pool from the OSU Centers in Piketon if anyone is interested. Contact Dave at boulay.1@osu.edu.