



# American Society for Quality Southern CT Section 301 March 11, 2020

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**Wednesday March 11, 2020**

**Reliability Engineering in 2020**

**Location:** Blue Goose Restaurant – 326 Ferry Blvd (CT 130) in Stratford

**Directions:** *From the South:* Take US 95 to exit 32, keep right at end of ramp, left on Main Street, then immediate right turn, continue to stoplight, then left turn onto Ferry Blvd, restaurant will be a short distance on your right.

*From the North:* Take US 95 to exit 34, follow Post Road west (US 1) about 1.5 miles to merge with CT 130 (Ferry Blvd), restaurant will be on your left

5:30pm. - Informal Networking  
6:30 p.m. - Dinner  
7:30 p.m. - Presentations

Cost: \$ 25

RSVP March 10th to [tomane723@aol.com](mailto:tomane723@aol.com).

A classic Blue Goose meal (how about those choices) and a current topic complete the evening'

## *Chairman's Remarks*

Please join our March Southern CT section meeting Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Goose in Stratford. We will have a ***discussion on Reliability Engineering*** given by one of our section members.

## *About our Speaker*

Michelle Grasso, Sr. Principal Reliability Engineer works at Medtronic in North Haven Connecticut. She was hired into Medtronic in 2011 to develop and implement a Reliability program on that campus. The North Haven Campus was the home to the single use surgical staplers (the old US Surgical). She works primarily on the powered stapling products and consults on many other sites including the surgical robot which they are developing. She has developed many trainings for Medtronic in regards to Reliability Engineering and continues to educate her peers on good practices. Prior to Medtronic she worked for Pitney Bowes for 25 years; 20 of those years in Reliability Engineering. She received her ASQ CRE in 1994 and keeps it active. She worked her way up the ranks in PB from incoming inspection, to SPC controls on the manufacturing floor to supervising the plating department and into Reliability Engineering. When she's not allocating reliability or educating folks on Reliability Engineering you can find her hanging out with her grandkids, dogs, or best friends on Block Island fishing

## *Certification*

Certification prep courses run in the fall, winter, and spring. For details on certification, see [www.asq.org/certification/](http://www.asq.org/certification/) to confirm dates and register for the certification exams.

For further information, please contact Mike D'Onofrio at [mikedonofrio301@yahoo.com](mailto:mikedonofrio301@yahoo.com), or 203-570-3657

## *Scholarship*

**The 2020 Charles G. Weiss ASQ Scholarship** - It is time to start asking your college age students to apply for our scholarship. Please find the application attached and note that it is due by May 1, 2020, to Cynthia Scheetz by USPS or e-mail. Note that we are honoring our long-time invaluable member and dear friend Chuck Weiss with this year's scholarship. See the attached application

Scholarship Committee

American Society for Quality – Southern Connecticut Section

The 2020 Charles G. Weiss ASQ Scholarship

**To be submitted to the ASQ Scholarship Committee Chair no later than  
May 1, 2020: Cynthia Scheetz, 246 Terrace Ave, West Haven, CT 06516**

Selection to be made by ASQ Southern Connecticut Scholarship Committee.  
Scholarship to be awarded at June 2020 ASQ Southern Connecticut section meeting.

**Scholarship Criteria:**

The subject scholarship is a one-time \$1,000.00 stipend to be awarded to a selected individual who meets the following criteria:

1. Is (or plans to be) enrolled in a post high school academic degree program in 2020.
2. Can demonstrate above average academic achievement and leadership.
3. Is actively involved in student and community organizations.
4. Has a clear goal for contributing to the improvement of society.

**Applicant:**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_M\_\_F Age: \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's:**

Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone and e-mail #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Academic Degree Program:**

Institution name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_ based on \_\_\_\_

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**School and Community Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leadership Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors and Awards and other Recognitions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Future Academic Degree Program:**

Type of degree, degree major and Institution name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach:

1. A one or two paragraph essay describing your career and life goals
2. A copy of the applicant's current transcripts
3. Two letters of recommendation from a school or community leader.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_