



# American Society for Quality Southern CT Section 301 June 13, 2018



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**Wednesday June 13, 2018**

## **Annual Scholarship and Awards Night**

**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 by June 12th to [tomane723@aol.com](mailto:tomane723@aol.com)

Its time again to Wind-up our year with a presentation of our annual scholarship award to a deserving young person and to just chill out and reflect on the past year. A classic Blue Goose meal (how about the prime rib) will complete the evening.

## *About Our Scholarship*

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2018 Southern CT ASQ Scholarship is Alexander Azary. His father is Mr. Joseph Azary, Quality Manager at Z-Medica of Wallingford.

Alex has continued to excel in college. He is passionate about the medical field and is active athletically with several demonstrated service activities over the last few years. He is currently in the Pell Honors program at Salve Regina University, which is a highly selective and distinguished Honors program.

Come congratulate Alex and hear more about his achievements and future plans at the June 13th meeting.

Cynthia Scheetz

Scholarship Committee Chair

## *Chairman's Remarks*

As we closeout the 2017-2018 Program year, I'd like to thank all the members of our section Leadership team, as well as our new Regional Director Mike D' Onofrio for their support and contributions. We wouldn't have a Section if not for the work of these folks.

I'd also like to thank those of you who participated in our programs and my hopes are that you found them interesting and enjoyable.

We'll resume our meetings as always in September. I wish you and your families an enjoyable and safe summer.

Ron DeRosa

## *ASQ Transformation*

Check out the video at <http://media.asq.org/105051/web.mp4>

Mike D'Onofrio

## *Website Update*

ASQ recently launched myASQ, an online community of practice. Per a recent ASQ press release, myASQ is "a centralized online community providing timely, relevant and customizable engagement for ASQ members and quality professionals around the globe.

myASQ will allow quality professionals to interact with like-minded individuals with whom they can network and discuss popular topics facing the greater quality community. Key features of the new platform include discussion boards, blogs, news and events listings.

Users will be able to initiate and contribute to discussions about quality topics they are interested in and access communities based on geographic location and industry.

myASQ replaces ASQ's previous community platform, building on existing strengths such as communication, collaboration and social sharing while enhancing the ability to serve audience segments through personalization and the development of communities."

With the launch of myASQ, the Southern Connecticut Section 301 mini website will be retired on July 24, 2018.

Check out myASQ at <https://my.asq.org/home>.

Sol Silverstein

## *Programs*

*Locations and dates, usually the second Wednesday, subject to final confirmation in monthly newsletters)*

Have a great summer – see you in September!

## *ASQ 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.

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## *Standards Update*

Just as many organizations are struggling to convert their Quality Management System and seeking registration to ISO 9001:2015 the good folks at ISO/TC 176/SC 2 have revised and issued at 2018 update to ISO 9004 standard. ISO 9004 is titled, “Quality management – Quality of the organization – Guidance to achieve sustained success.” ISO 9004 is not intended for certification. It is a guidance document on how to achieve continuous improvement. According to Dr. Nigel Croft, chair of TC 176, “The new edition of 9004 will build on, and improve the guidance of the previous 2009 version, and will help organizations improve their overall performance by releasing the full potential of their quality management system.” Copies are available from ASQ store or, my favorite, [ISO.org](https://www.iso.org).