

Quality Times

RI ASQ Newsletter

Letter from the chair

As summer comes upon us and we resume getting together in person to catch up with old friends, it's hard to believe that we were unable to meet for so long. Over the course of the past three dinner meetings, the conversation among members picked up as easily as if we were never apart. In addition, a number of new members have joined us at our meetings to add to the conversation and the learning that takes place.

I'm excited by the opportunity to return not just back to normal but to return better than before. I'd like to hear from you what you feel would add value in your role whether it be more afternoon webinars, more networking events such as a book club, etc. Our goal has always been to provide value to our membership and continue to grow our organization.

Have you connected with us on myASQ.org yet? If not, [click here](#) to find us - simply log into the site using your ASQ.org credentials and you'll be able to keep up to date with all of our latest offerings. As we take July and August off from dinner meetings I encourage everyone to relax, spend time with friends and family and enjoy your summer. We'll be back in September, better than before.

Christopher R. Cinieri



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Scholarship Winner Announcement

Congratulations to our scholarship winner, **Shane Evans**! Shane graduated from Attleboro High School this spring and will be pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the fall.

Shane received a scholarship for \$1,500 toward his future studies. We wish him the best of luck!



"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory." W. Edwards Deming

Upcoming Dinner Meetings

5:30 Registration and networking

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Events/Speaker

September 15, 2022

Chelo's Warwick

2225 Post Rd.,

Warwick, RI

October 20, 2022

High Purity New England

14 Thurber Blvd.

Smithfield, RI

(Plant tour and dinner)

November 17, 2022

Davenport's Bar and Grille

1925 Patucket Ave.

East Providence, RI

5 questions with Sharon Costa

CURRENT POSITION Quality Manager at Larson Tool and Stamping in Attleboro, MA

EDUCATION Bachelor's Degree in Project Management
Associate's Degree in Mechanical Engineering



Is there a mentor who made a difference in your career?	Yes! Melissa Wainwright – She asked me one day if I ever thought about being a Quality Manager. I recall telling her, no way, not me as a manager. And then she mentored me for about 4yrs and I went onto to be a manager a few years later at a different place of employment.
What was the most noteworthy job you've held?	I worked at IDEX Health and Science for 11 years, starting as a Drafter and working my way to Quality Coordinator. This is the job I feel I grew the most as I was blessed to have my mentor teach me so much, and I built lifelong friendships here.
What's the best career advice you would give?	Treat everyone equal (from the janitor to the owner) and never stop learning.
What has your involvement with ASQ been?	I've been with ASQ since 2015 and am a Certified Quality Auditor. I've been to many RI Section dinner meetings and was also on the RI Section committee for a year.
Any noteworthy activities outside of ASQ?	I am married to my best friend, and we have 7 children (blended family) and love them all dearly. I love to spend my evenings with my family and two boxers mix rescues in the backyard playing and relaxing by the fire-pit. I enjoy going to the beach, spending time with God, family, and friends.

Recap of Member Appreciation Night w/Pictures

Member appreciation night on June 16 at Mulligan's Island was a delightful success! About 25 RIASQ members and guests attend the event which featured miniature golf, batting cages, driving range, and a BBQ dinner. It was a great time to celebrate a successful year that culminated with the awarding of the Performance Excellence Program Bronze Price to our section. Members were also gifted a Cross pen bearing the RIASQ logo to show how much our members are valued and appreciated. Check out the photos from night below!



Bob Imbruglio's presentation on Value Stream Mapping 5/19/2022

Recap of Spring Dinner Meetings

March 2022 marked the long-awaited return to dinner meetings! The evening was an enjoyable opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. During the event (held at Chelo's in Warwick) we discussed the latest section news as well as solicited feedback on new offerings and activities as we enter the post-pandemic age of RIASQ.

In April we met at Davenport's in East Providence to hear Annie Unger's presentation, "Building Stronger Standard Work Instructions." Annie had a roomful of quality professionals drawing pigs(!) to demonstrate the techniques she discussed and provided real-life examples to further solidify the concepts.

In May we celebrated past Chairs at Twelve Acres in Smithfield and enjoyed a presentation on Value Stream Mapping from Bob Imbruglio.

Member Appreciation Night in June was so great that a recap simply won't fit in this space—please read the recap on the left!

Mission Statement

To achieve World Class Leadership in customer satisfaction, we will continually strive to create, promote and stimulate interest in quality technology and information. Our organization will foster continuous improvement, mutual respect and individual growth of all members and economic viability of the RI-ASQ section.

Education Updates

Stay tuned as we begin to roll out of 2022 lineup of education courses, click [here](#) to check for the latest offerings.

As always, if you or anyone you know would be interested in teaching a course or providing a place to hold a course, please let us know by emailing Chris at ccinieri@memberleader.asq.org



**Rhode Island
Section 0107**

Upcoming Education Opportunities!

The Rhode Island Section of the American Society for Quality is currently holding a **Certified Six Sigma Green Belt Course** at Taco Comfort Solutions in Cranston, RI.

This course is intended for those planning to sit for the Certified Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Exam. Six Sigma Green Belts are employees who spend some of their time on process improvement teams. They analyze and solve quality problems, and are involved with Six Sigma, lean, or other quality improvement projects.

The instructor for this course is Robert Imbruglio. Bob is a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt and has over 20 years' experience in Lean Six Sigma. For 10 of those years Bob was Chief of Continuous Improvement for General Dynamics Electric Boat Division.

RIASQ will also be hosting a **Certified Quality Engineer** refresher course beginning in September 2022. This course provides a thorough overview of the core competencies needed for the contemporary quality engineer including:

- Quantitative tools and techniques that drive continuous improvement
- Statistical data analysis and interpretation
- Design of products, processes, and services
- Product and process control techniques
- Quality management and leadership principles and techniques
- Development of the quality management system (QMS)

The instructor will be Caroline Bartlett, Certified Quality Engineer working as a Manager of Quality Engineering in the Medical Device Industry. She has 10 years experience working in Quality Engineering in various roles, including post market surveillance, design assurance, and quality control for large scale manufacturing.



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RI ASQ Leadership Team

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