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ASQ St. Petersburg-Tampa Section 1508

Dinner Meeting Monday, February 10th, 2014

**Speaker: Jennifer J. Stepniowski
Pro QC International**

Topic: “Quality Tools for Quality of Life ”

Main Speaker: Jennifer J. Stepniowski, Pro QC International

Summary: ASQ members have indicated in recent surveys an interest in quality of life. Harvard Business Review, The Energy Project and others have also recently taken note of this topic and the noticeable impact it has as a variable in productivity within the workplace.

What does quality of life mean, and how can it be improved? Starting with a self-assessment and identification of problems and issues, using the tools we know from the workplace to organize our personal lives has shown to be a positive way to improve quality of life and general well-being.

Speaker Bio: Jennifer J. Stepniowski has enjoyed over fifteen years of experience in the quality industry and is currently the Communications Director for Pro QC International, a third-party quality assurance firm offering services in over 30 countries. As an Influential Voice for the American Society for Quality, Jennifer is passionate about “raising the voice” within the industry. In the evenings, she can be found at Hillsborough Community College where she enjoys discussing management and marketing strategies as an adjunct instructor.





**Pre-Dinner Speaker: David Reed
Ricoh MDS**

Topic: "Above and Beyond Paper "

Summary: Ricoh MDS is a global service that goes way beyond printing. Ricoh helps improve document workflow and related processes as well as managing and optimizing document infrastructure. Organizations need to look for opportunities to reduce total cost of operations, leverage IT investments, and secure data. Mobile work forces benefit from the convergence of electronic data while reducing the paper footprint today and tomorrow.

Speaker Bio: David Reed holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronic Technology from the University of Akron and is a US Army veteran with 22 years of experience in Document Imaging of which 16 years were in Sales Management. David moved from Ohio in 2009 to join Ricoh USA, Inc. in Tampa, Florida. David joined the Federal team in 2011 as a Senior Federal Major Account Manager.

ASQ Section 1508 St. Petersburg/ Tampa DINNER MEETING

***St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater
12600 Roosevelt Boulevard,
St. Petersburg, FL. 33716***

Due to the board meeting running from 4:30-5:30, Registration for the meeting will not start until 5:30.

- 5:30 pm-6:00 pm Registration
5:30 pm-6:00 pm Appetizers/Networking ** (Before meeting) are provided at no cost to members by the section. **
** Appetizers :Appetizers Cheese Display garnished with Vine Fruit and Served with Crackers**
- 6:00 pm-6:30 pm Pre-Dinner Topic
6:30 pm-7:15 pm Dinner
Salad: Garden Green Salad with Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and House Champagne Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing . All served with Rolls and Butter
Entrée: 6oz. Prime Rib served with an Au Jus Sauce
Vegetable/Starch: Chef's Selection of Vegetable, Starch and Dessert
Note: Vegetarian Meals available for vegetarian and low fat requirements.
Water and Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee also served.
- 7:15 pm-8:15 pm Main Speaker

Directions:

From St. Petersburg: Take I-275 N/SR-686/Roosevelt Blvd exit 30, toward Largo. Merge onto Roosevelt Blvd. N/FL-686W toward Largo-Clearwater/St. Pete-**CLWTR INT'L** Airport. Turn slightly right on Roosevelt Blvd. The Marriott is at the light.

From Clearwater: Take SR-686 E ramp toward I 275 S/St. Petersburg. Turn slightly right on Roosevelt Blvd. N/FL-686 E. The Marriott is on the right at the light.

From Tampa: Merge onto I-275 N toward St. Petersburg. Take the Roosevelt Blvd/SR 686, EXIT 30, turn right at the bottom of the ramp onto Roosevelt Blvd. Turn left at the first traffic light on to 28th St, the hotel is on the right.

Reservation Policy

On-line Reservations: <http://asqtampabay.org/Home/tabid/38/Default.aspx>

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM on the Wednesday before the monthly meeting. If you have a special dietary request (vegetarian or low fat), please indicate this when making the reservation. The price for the meeting with the meal is **\$30.00 with advanced reservations** or **\$35.00 for walk-ins**. The price for the meeting without meal is \$10.00. Cash and check payments are accepted during the check-in from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Cancellations Policy

Cancellations deadline is Wednesday before the meeting at 4:30 PM. Since we cannot guarantee cancellations made after the deadline, you may still be charged for late cancellations.

If you make a reservation and do not attend, the Section must still pay for the meal and administrative costs. Therefore, you will be required to reimburse the Section by sending a **check**, payable to ASQ, for **\$30.00 (\$10.00 for reservation with no meal)** to our Treasurer, **Brad Near, 9355 92nd Ave, Seminole, FL 33777.**



Message from Chair

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.” — Mark Twain

Greetings members of Section 1508 - Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater ASQ.

Please join us on February 10th, our second meeting for 2014 to hear,

Dinner Speaker:

- ◆ **Jennifer J. Stepniowski, Communications Director, ProQC International** has over 23 years experience leading organizational strategic planning, corporate training functions and leadership development, including the launch of the Collaborative Labs at St. Petersburg College seven years ago.

“Quality Tools for Quality of Life ”

Pre-Dinner Speaker:

- ◆ **David Reed, Sales Management, Ricoh USA** holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronic Technology from the University of Akron and is a US Army veteran with 22 years of experience in Document Imaging. David moved from Ohio in 2009 to join Ricoh USA, Inc. in Tampa, Florida. David joined the Federal team in 2011 as a Senior Federal Major Account Manager

“Above and Beyond Paper”

We will continue to add quality value for our section members by providing additional education and networking luncheons in 2014. Be sure to watch for the up coming schedule for these events.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, February 10th at the Marriott in St. Petersburg..

Bob Mendenhall, ASQ Tampa Bay Chair
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From The Placement Chair

Our tool for helping members find jobs has been picking up momentum. You can see jobs that are currently available on our website: asqtampabay.org. When on the site, go to the Member Services tab, and click on Career Development. There you will see listings of [Jobs Available](#) as well as [Members Who are Seeking Jobs](#).

Please Help us with both categories:

If you know of openings in your company, please ask your Human Resources to send me a description of the job to: brgcorp@gmail.com along with an e-mail contact for candidates to send their Resume. Also if you know of a Job that fits one of our members that is looking, please send them that knowledge through their email address.

Thanks very much for your help!!!!

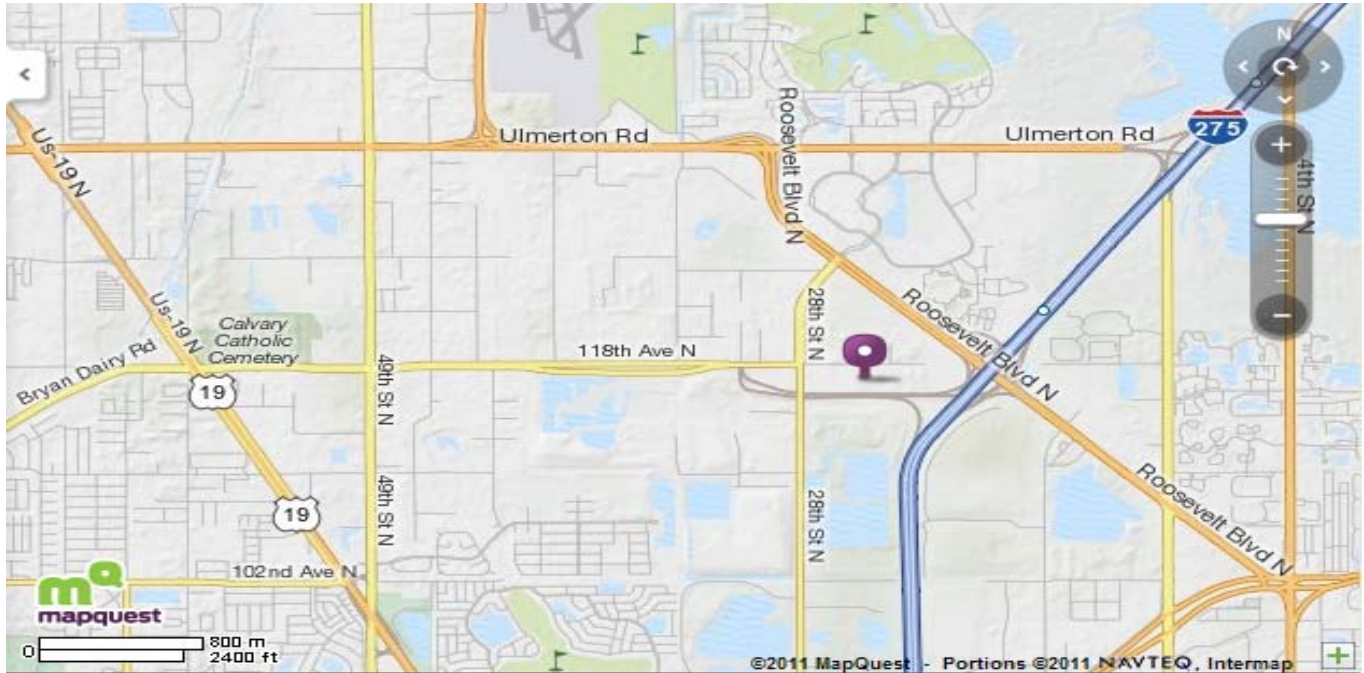


ASQ Certification for St. Petersburg/Tampa Section 1508

ASQ Section 1508 testing is held on the HSN campus in the auxiliary building directly across the street from the main campus. Signs are placed at the edge of the property and directly in front of the entrance on the morning of each exam day. Parking is located in front of and to the side of the building.

Address:

2400 118th Street, N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33716-1917



Registration begins at 7:15 AM. Please be sure to arrive by 7:50 AM to allow time for you to be checked in, your paperwork and books to be checked and for you to be seated to listen to instruction at 7:55 AM. **Exams begin promptly at 8:00 AM.**

Please be sure to remember to bring photo ID, pencils and approved calculator. Cell phones are **not** permitted, even in the off position, in the exam rooms.

We will have a study session offered coming soon. Watch for our notices by your Education Chair, Jennifer Stepniowski. Study sessions will be held at this same location.

We look forward to seeing those who will take their exams on March 1st. Registration for these exams is now closed.

March 1st Exams are for the following areas:

- BioMedical Auditor
- Certified Manager of Quality
- Quality Technician
- Six Sigma Black Belt
- HACCP Auditor
- Quality Inspector
- Reliability Engineer
- Master Black Belt

Please be aware that HSN is a tobacco free facility. You will not be able to smoke nor chew tobacco on the premises.

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Membership Statistics (as of February 2014)

Regular	266
Fellow	4
Senior	179
Associate	17
Student	26
Org Member	2
Site	6
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	Total 500