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Dinner Meeting - Monday, November 9th, 2015

ASQ Celebrates World Quality Month with “Absolutely Abby”

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Special Interest Articles:

- World Quality Month celebration, with nationally recognized expert “Absolutely Abby”

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Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 9th

ASQ Dinner Meeting
St Pete Marriott Clearwater
Speaker: Absolutely Abby!
5:30 pm

Saturday, December 5th

ASQ Certification Testing
HSN Campus - St. Pete, FL
8:00 am

Monday, December 14th

ASQ Dinner Meeting
Best Western Bay Harbor Hotel
5:30 pm

Main Speaker : Abby Kohut

Topic: Networking for People Who Don't Like to Network

Nationally Recognized Expert on Job-Seeking Strategies Plans a Local Dinner Presentation

Summary and Speaker Bio: – In celebration of World Quality Month, the Tampa/St. Petersburg American Society for Quality (ASQ) section will be hosting a dinner presentation on Monday, November 9th at the Marriott St. Petersburg Clearwater featuring Abby Kohut.

“We are thrilled and honored to have Ms. Kohut, a nationally recognized expert, as our featured speaker next month”, stated Gil Pinney, the Programs Chairman for ASQ Section 1508.

Ms. Kohut, who is also known in the job search world as “Absolutely Abby” has been featured on Fox 5, NBC, CBS, ABC, Monster, Real Simple, The Ladders, Bloomberg Radio, and Forbes. Recently CEOWorld Magazine rated Abby “One of the Top 25 Women for your Job Search” and Business News Daily rated “@Absolutely_Abby as “One of the top 10 Twitter accounts every jobseeker should follow”.

Since 2012 Abby has been on a mission to help one million job seekers and is currently driving around the USA on a nationwide tour (www.AbbyAcrossAmerica.com).

Pre-dinner Speaker: Jennifer J. Stepniowski

Topic: World Quality Month

Summary and Speaker Bio: Jennifer Stepniowski, Regional Director, North America - Pro QC International, Inc. November is World Quality Month, and ASQ Tampa Bay joins the Global Quality Community in celebrating the [6th annual World Quality Month](#) in November. World Quality Month provides a platform for acknowledging the efforts and accomplishments of quality and all who work to make it happen. We will review the history, discuss things members can do to create awareness and then do some trivia with prizes.

Jennifer has over sixteen years of experience ensuring manufacturing quality, including coordinating and supporting factory audits, QC inspections, and product testing at factories worldwide via Pro QC International. In her role as an adjunct instructor for Hillsborough Community College and the Institute for Corporate & Continuing Education, Jennifer teaches various marketing and management courses. Within ASQ, she is the Education Chair for Section 1508 and Vice Chair for the Social Responsibility Technical Community. Jennifer publishes content online as an ASQ Influential Voices blogger and has published articles in various publications including Quality Progress and the Journal for Quality & Participation. Learn more about Jennifer on her website at www.ijenn.me.



Monday, November 9, 2015

**Speaker: “Absolutely Abby”
Networking for People Who Don't Like to Network**

Bring Business Cards & Be Ready to Network

If even thinking about attending a networking event makes you want to stay home and watch TV or curl up with a good book, you're not alone. You're like more than half the population. Nonetheless, to build your business or to advance in your career, it's imperative that you get comfortable with it. But why just be comfortable when it can actually be fun??? In this interactive workshop, you will learn:

How to identify the best networking opportunities in your line of work

- Why networking is actually FUN when you do it correctly
- How to differentiate yourself from others so people will remember you
- Why being specific when asking for help is important
- Why networking is simply making new friends



Abby Kohut, who is known in the job search world as “Absolutely Abby”, is the President of Staffing Symphony, LLC and the author of “Absolutely Abby’s 101 Job Search Secrets”. In the past 18 years, Abby held corporate recruiting positions in a variety of industries and is responsible for helping 10,000 people get hired. Her website AbsolutelyAbby.com, which was selected as one of the “Top 100 Websites for Your Career” by Forbes, teaches candidates the “Absolute” truth about the job search process that other recruiters won't tell you. Abby is one of the “Top 100 Influential People Online” according to Fast Company Magazine and is known as "Ask

Abby" on LinkedIn. Abby has provided job search tips on Fox 5, NBC, CBS, ABC, Monster, Real Simple, The Ladders, Bloomberg Radio, and Forbes. Recently, CEOWORLD Magazine rated Abby “One of the Top 25 Women for your Job Search” and Business News Daily rated @Absolutely_Abby as "One of Top 10 Twitter Accounts Every Jobseeker Should Follow". Since 2012, Abby has been on a mission to help one million job seekers and is currently driving around the USA on a nationwide tour to accomplish that goal. www.AbbyAcrossAmerica.com

**Note: This event is open to public
*limited to first 100 Registrants**

See details on next page or www.asqtampabay.org



Monday, November 9, 2015

5:30–6:00 pm Registration and hors d'oeuvres - *Cheese Display garnished with fruit and crackers*

6:00–8:00 pm Dinner and Speakers

Pre-dinner Speaker **World Quality Month**

Jennifer J. Stepniowski, MBA, CMQ/OE Pro QC International

Main Speaker **Networking for People Who Don't Like to Network**

Abby Kohut, President of Staffing Symphony, LLC

Marriott St. Petersburg Clearwater

12600 Roosevelt Blvd ♦ St. Petersburg, FL 33716 ♦ 2nd Floor ♦ [Map/Directions](#)

Dinner Menu

Chicken Marsala topped with a Marsala Wine & Mushroom Sauce

Garden Green Salad with Tomatoes and Cucumbers served with a choice of

House Champagne Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing

Chef's choice of Vegetable, Starch and Dessert

All entrees served with Rolls and Butter, Water & Coffee Service

*Vegetarian Meals will be available for attendees with vegetarian & low-fat requirements

**Meeting without dinner option is available (hors d'oeuvres are complementary with this option)

Registration

(Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 9th at 4pm)

To Register for Dinner, click [HERE](#)

To Cancel an existing Dinner Registration, click [HERE](#)

(Cancellation deadline is Wednesday, November 4th at 4:30pm)

ASQ Dinner Meeting Policies

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM on the Wednesday before the monthly meeting. If you have a special dietary request (vegetarian, low fat), please indicate this when making the reservation.

Effective October 10, 2011, the price for the meeting with the meal is \$30.00 with advanced reservation or \$35.00 for walk-ins. The price for the meeting without dinner is \$10.00. Cash and check payments are accepted during the check-in from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Only two additional meals will be reserved by the Section for walk-ins. We urge those who desire to attend the meeting and reserve a meal to register on the website before the reservation deadline, thus guaranteeing your meal.

Cancellations will be honored by 4:30 PM on the Wednesday before the meeting.

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 Joy Spiegel at Vital Care, Inc., 2645 Westchester Drive North, Clearwater, FL 33761.

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Message from the Chair

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Dear Fellow Quality Associates:

This month we will have Absolutely Abby at the Marriott location in St. Petersburg and we are so excited! We hope to see you all there! With this month being National Quality Month, I wanted to say a few words regarding how important it is for you to get your organization involved with this fantastic occasion! We are going to have a very special celebration at our monthly ASQ meeting, but we want you to continue to celebration within your organizations! Please feel free to write to us and tell us how your organization celebrated National Quality Month in November and we will enter your name into a pot to win a prize!!!! The winner will be drawn at our December meeting, so make certain that you attend our December meeting. The winner must be present to win! To enter, please email your submissions along with a photo expressing how your organization is celebrating, your name, organization, your title, and a few words about why you should win and what your organization means to you to chair@asqtampabay.org. You must submit your entry before midnight on November 30th, 2015.

Don't forget to share the ASQ membership with a friend. ASQ is allowing each member to give a new member a 6 month free membership to ASQ! This is a fantastic way to get your Quality associates into the meetings and as a valued member of the ASQ team.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns! Next month we will resume with our Supplier Certification discussion.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Best,

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ASQ Section 1508 Chair
New Email: chair@asqtampabay.org
www.asqtampabay.org

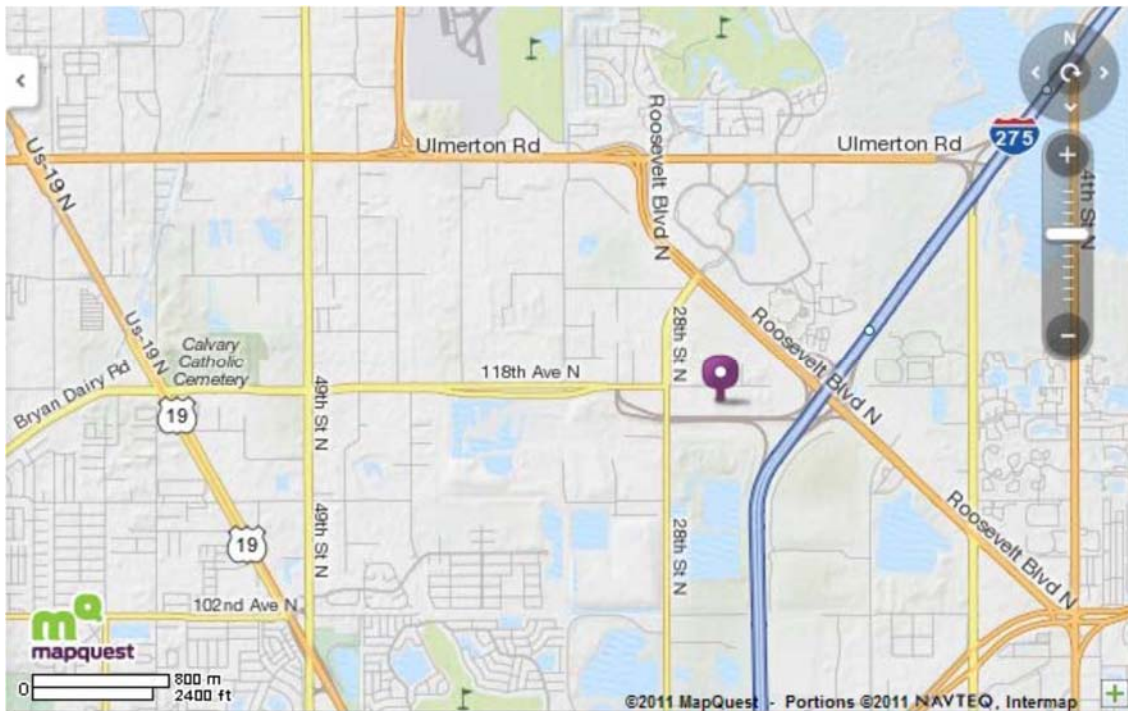


ASQ Certification for St. Petersburg/Tampa Section 1508

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 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 look forward to seeing those who will take their exams on December 5th.
Registration for these exams ended.**

Exams being offered in December 5th are as follows:

- Calibration Technician
- Quality Auditor
- Quality Improvement Associate
- Six Sigma Green Belt
- Pharmaceutical GMP Professional
- Quality Engineer
- Quality Process Analyst
- Lean Certification

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



Articles – November Newsletter

Our Change of Venue Warmly Received

The sun was shining warmly on the cocktail veranda at the Bay Harbor meeting site last week, as members networked over cocktails. The change in our site for October received positive reviews shared with Joy Spiegel, our Arrangements Chairperson.

Our speaker that evening, Kim Moore, was engaging, informative, and entertaining. Her perspectives on leadership, after long careers in the military, education, and parenting, were fun to listen to, and could be applied to any professional setting.

Our October meeting also changed from a sit down dinner to a buffet. Everyone at my table was raving about the salmon, and I'll definitely be suggesting to the Board to feature that entrée again!

Next month we are meeting at the Marriott St. Petersburg Clearwater for our World Quality Month celebration, and will return to the Bay Harbor in December.

Upcoming Pharmacy Standards will Affect Quality Managers in the Industry

As the Regulatory Compliance Officer and Quality Assurance Director for a system of compounding pharmacies, my department has been impacted significantly over the past several years by rapidly escalating oversight and restrictions from the FDA, and USP. Even before the tragedy of the fungal meningitis outbreak two years ago caused by inappropriate compounding practices, the federal regulators were eager to standardize the practice of pharmacies that compound preparations such as hormone replacements, weight loss injections, veterinary compounds, and injectable medications for human use.

On the horizon are the release of two significant sets of regulations known in my industry as USP Chapter <797> (revised), and USP Chapter <800>. The changes required by these for quality managers at hospital and alternate site pharmacies will be extensive. Patients needing these types of medications might be impacted by decreased access and increased cost.

If you are a member of Section 1508, and work in the pharmacy industry, I'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to me via e-mail (gletcher@vitalcareinc.com) and perhaps we can sit at the next cocktail networking session to commiserate, (ahem), I mean network, and share our strategies for compliance and quality control.

Do You Get Our E-Mails?

This item is for those of you that obtain the newsletter from our web site, but do not receive regular e-mails from Section 1508. We have approximately 80 members listed in our Section for whom we do not have e-mail addresses. This is caused when the member indicates at the *national* ASQ website they do not want to receive e-mails. The e-mail is then blinded, and we cannot see it.

If you are interested in receiving regular emails from us regarding upcoming events, and other news, please contact secretary@asqtampabay.org, provide your full name, and preferred e-mail address.

We promise not to sell your e-mail address to any marketing lists!



Member Career Service - Local Opportunity with Draper

Quality Engineer-Clearwater, FL

Draper is an independent, nonprofit research and development laboratory headquartered in Cambridge, MA. The 1,500 employees of the Laboratory tackle important national challenges with a promise of delivering successful and usable solutions. From military defense and space exploration to biomedical engineering, lives often depend on the solutions we provide. Our multidisciplinary teams of engineers and scientists work in a collaborative environment that inspires the cross-fertilization of ideas necessary for true innovation. For more information about Draper, visit www.draper.com.

Our work is very important to us, but so is our life outside of work. Draper supports many programs to improve work-life balance including workplace flexibility, employee clubs ranging from photography to yoga, health and finance workshops, off site social events and discounts to local museums and cultural activities.

If this specific job opportunity and the chance to work at a nationally renowned R&D innovation laboratory appeals to you, apply now at jobs.draper.com.

Draper is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal-opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability status, age, or protected veteran status. We understand the value of diversity and its impact on a high-performance culture.

As an offsite Quality Engineer (QE) with Draper the QE will be responsible for providing Quality Assurance input & guidance as part of a team of engineers, developers and project managers in support of product manufacture, modifications to existing products, test and test equipment. The position is located at Honeywell, Clearwater FL.

Major Quality Engineer (QE) responsibilities:

1. Work with Draper and Supplier's engineers, program managers and manufacturing support resources to communicate issues, ensure compliance to current standards and develop, improve and document processes.
2. Perform source inspections and approve product prior to submittal for Government acceptance.
3. Work with both Draper and Supplier's management on quality planning, supporting determination of root cause for quality problems, corrective and preventive action and continuous improvement of program activities.
4. Participate in Material Review Board (MRB) meetings for purchased materials and in-house manufactured product. Identify nonconformance trends, support technical investigations and corrective action programs to resolve recurring quality problems and to improve supplier quality.
5. Support vendor site audits and work with suppliers to improve quality of both delivered parts and internal quality processes.
6. Quarterly travel to Cambridge MA in support of the product design team and quality management reviews.

Qualified persons will thrive both in an independent and team environment. You must be able to take ownership of projects and complete those projects accurately and efficiently. You must also be able to work with various internal groups and teams and have the ability to manage multiple, simultaneous projects and deadlines. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required for this position.

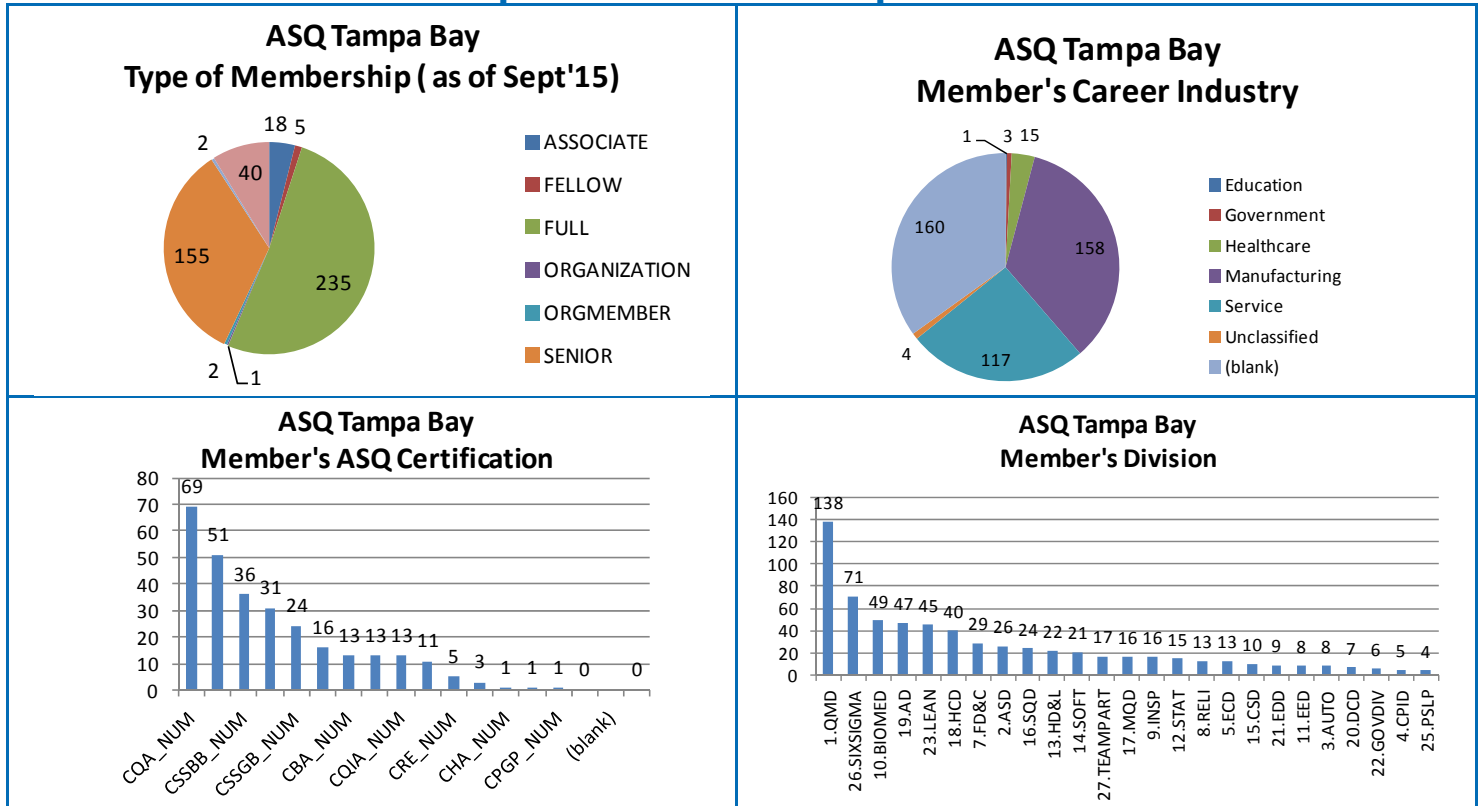
- An engineering Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college or university
- 5+ years experience in hardware quality assurance
- Excellent written and oral communications skills
- Demonstrated skills in leading process and product improvement
- Proficiency in documenting plans, procedures and results for distribution and presentation to a technical audience
- Familiarity with Quality Standards such as ISO 9000 and/or AS9100 is expected
- US Citizenship and ability to secure a government clearance is required

Please submit your Resume/CV for consideration to Kathy: kranger@draper.com. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-258-4343 or

**Kathy Ranger, HRM
Human Resources Business Partner
Draper**



ASQ St. Petersburg/Tampa Section 1508
Updated Membership Stats



Member Career Service

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

Also, don't forget to check ASQ Career job link.

Thanks very much for your help!!!!