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ASQ St. Petersburg-Tampa Section 1508

Dinner Meeting Monday, October 8, 2012

**Speaker: Kirk Maust
CEO, Solar Direct, Inc.**

Topic: Solar Energy – Boom or Bust?

Main Speaker: Kirk Maust, CEO, Solar Direct, Inc.

Kirk Maust is the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Engineer of Solar Direct, a pioneering company in the solar energy industry. Maust holds a Florida State Certified Solar License, and is a current member and former vice president of the Florida Solar Energy Industry Association. He is North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Certified for both Solar Thermal and Solar Photovoltaics (PV). In 1981, Maust earned one of the nation's first degrees in Solar and Renewable Technology. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University's Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering Department.

In 1986, Maust joined with Dale Gulden to initiate the start-up of Solar Direct. The combination of Maust's engineering and computer science experience, together with Gulden's solid history of marketing and sales in the solar industry created an effective and innovative partnership.

In 1995, Maust constructed and launched the company's first website. Heralded as one of the earliest and most comprehensive renewable energy online destinations, SolarDirect.com was a pioneering effort that set the stage for intensified growth.

With a product line of over 300 Eco-friendly products, Solar Direct's primary market is e-commerce sales of DIY products throughout the entire United States. Solar Direct's Contracting Division provides installations of residential and commercial projects throughout Florida, and is expanding into larger projects outside of Florida.

Maust enjoys ballroom dancing and scuba diving when he isn't trying to save the planet.





Solar Energy – Boom or Bust?

This presentation will review the Green Movement, and specifically solar energy. We will look at the history of solar energy, and where the industry is today. How some technologies have stayed the course, and others have evolved – and what is coming in the future. The technology is divided into two main types: thermal and electric; each will be discussed to see what solar can do.

What benefits can solar provide to consumers and businesses today? What motivates consumers to go green? How does government policy effort the industry? What is the effect of fossil fuels on the growth of solar and other renewables – when will we reach Grid Parity?

A local company with national distribution gives its perspective on real world applications. Does it make sense to go green, and are people buying in? We will take a glimpse into the history and operations of a solar energy provider – can it survive in today's economy. Where do we go from here?





**Pre-Dinner Speaker: Matt Lehmann
Sr. Training Specialist
Catalent Pharma Solutions.**

Topic: Tools to Make That Presentation POP!

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Matt Lehmann is currently a Sr. Training Specialist with Catalent Pharma Solutions, where he is responsible for course development in the highly-regulated field of pharmaceutical manufacturing.

As an experienced speaker/presenter, Matt encourages audiences to go beyond the ordinary by engaging their own creativity to produce presentations that leave memorable and lasting impressions.

The goal when creating Tools to Make That Presentation POP! is to accomplish two things:

- Inform an audience of presentation program tools that may be utilized to enhance a slide deck's overall look, and,
- To encourage audiences to tap into their own inspiration, imagination, and creativity when developing their presentations.

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: Chicken Fiesta topped with Corn & Tomato Relish
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

“Quality is not an act, it is a habit.”
Aristotle

Thank you all for your continued support of Chapter 1508 as we return from summer vacation and resume monthly meetings.

Last month we enjoyed presentations from the following quest speakers:

- John Bailey, Systems Architect of CAE USA Inc. presented “High Fidelity Flight Simulation Today”
- Marie Bernu Murray, Manager of Global Employee Engagement of Transitions Optical, Inc. presented “High Performance through Employee Engagement.”

Please join us on October 8th to hear:

- Kirk Maust, CEO of Solar Direct, Inc. presents: “Solar Energy – Boom or Bust?”
- Matt Lehmann, Sr. Training Specialist of Catalent Pharma presents: “Tools to Make That Presentation POP!”

I’d also like to extend special thanks this month to Bob Mendenhall, not only for his fantastic recruiting skills of talented speakers, but also for all of his hard work preparing for Chapter 1508’s presence at the 39th Annual Energy & Environmental Division (EED) Conference in Tampa this month. Thank you also to Nancy Duarte who has also volunteered her time to make sure that our Chapter is represented at the conference.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on October 8th!

Kim Dixon, 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: brtpwll161@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!!!!

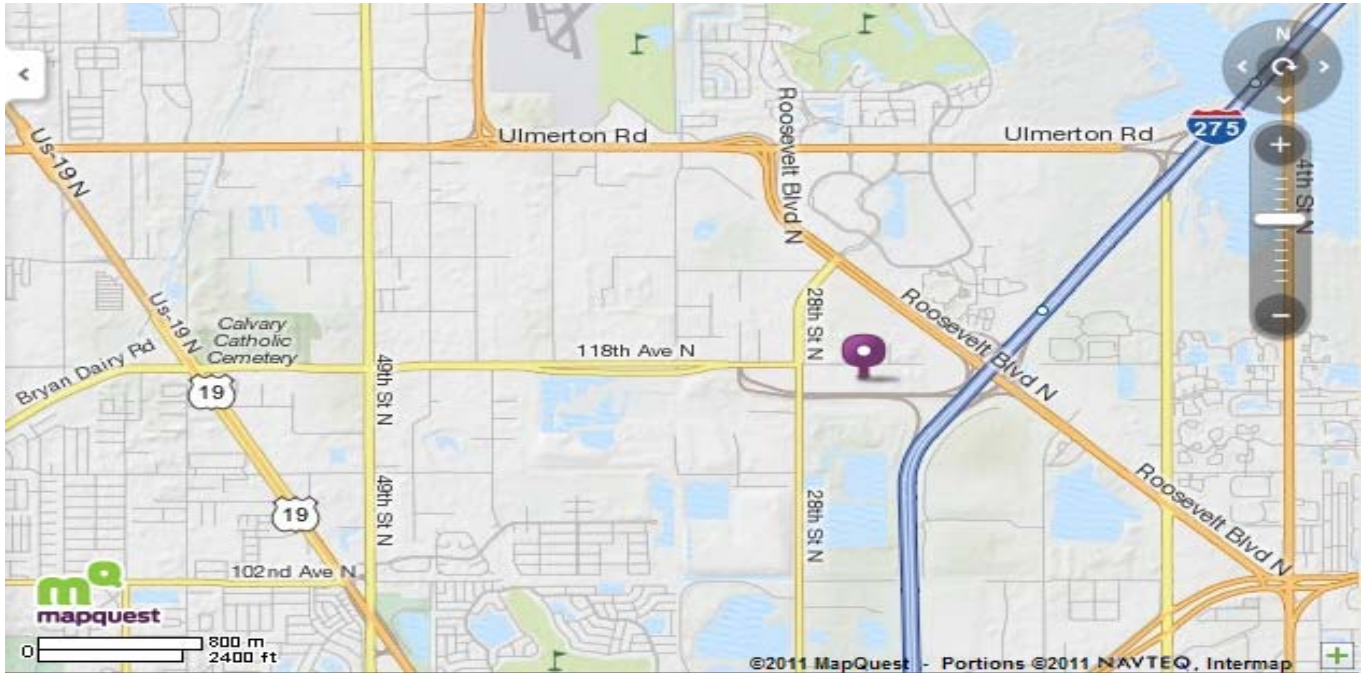


ASQ Certification for St. Petersburg/Tampa Section 1508

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.

October 6th exams are for the following areas:

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

Registration date for October exams has expired. Please go to the ASQ.ORG website to find out next ASQ Certification schedule for these exams.



Plan now for the December 1st exams. The registration date for these is October 12th, 5:00 PM.

December 1st exams are for the following areas:

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

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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Senior	195
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Student	28
Org Member	3
Site	3
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Total	507