



### Join Us For our September Meeting



ASQ La Crosse-Winona Section 1216 Meeting: October 21<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Where: Kwik Trip

Address: 1626 Oak St., La Crosse, WI 54603

Website: <http://www.kwiktrip.com/>

Dinner: Ardie's Restaurant after the tour for social time and networking

Address: 400 Lang Dr., La Crosse, WI 54603

Website (with Menu): <http://www.ardiesrestaurant.com/>

Cost: \$20 for members and/or guests (\$10 for Students)

From the start, Kwik Trip focused on doing right by our customers and our community. They've stocked the freshest foods and kept prices low by making things ourselves and keeping a close eye on costs. Then they've passed the savings on to you.

Every day of the year, over 12,000 associates in the Kwik Trip™ family work together to make, and deliver, the freshest food, produce and fuel safely to our stores. They inspect, test and sample every delivery to be sure it's only the best. They operate their own bakery, dairy and kitchens to make sure everything they sell is as big on fresh as it is low on price. They work around the clock to make sure every time you walk in our doors you get the most your hard-earned money can buy.

Whether you're looking for a steaming cup of fresh Karuba® coffee to start your morning off right, a gallon of Nature's Touch® milk for the family or anything in between, it all awaits you at a fair, low price at Kwik Trip™.

We bottle and deliver every drop of our Nature's Touch milk and orange juice, so you know they're fresh.

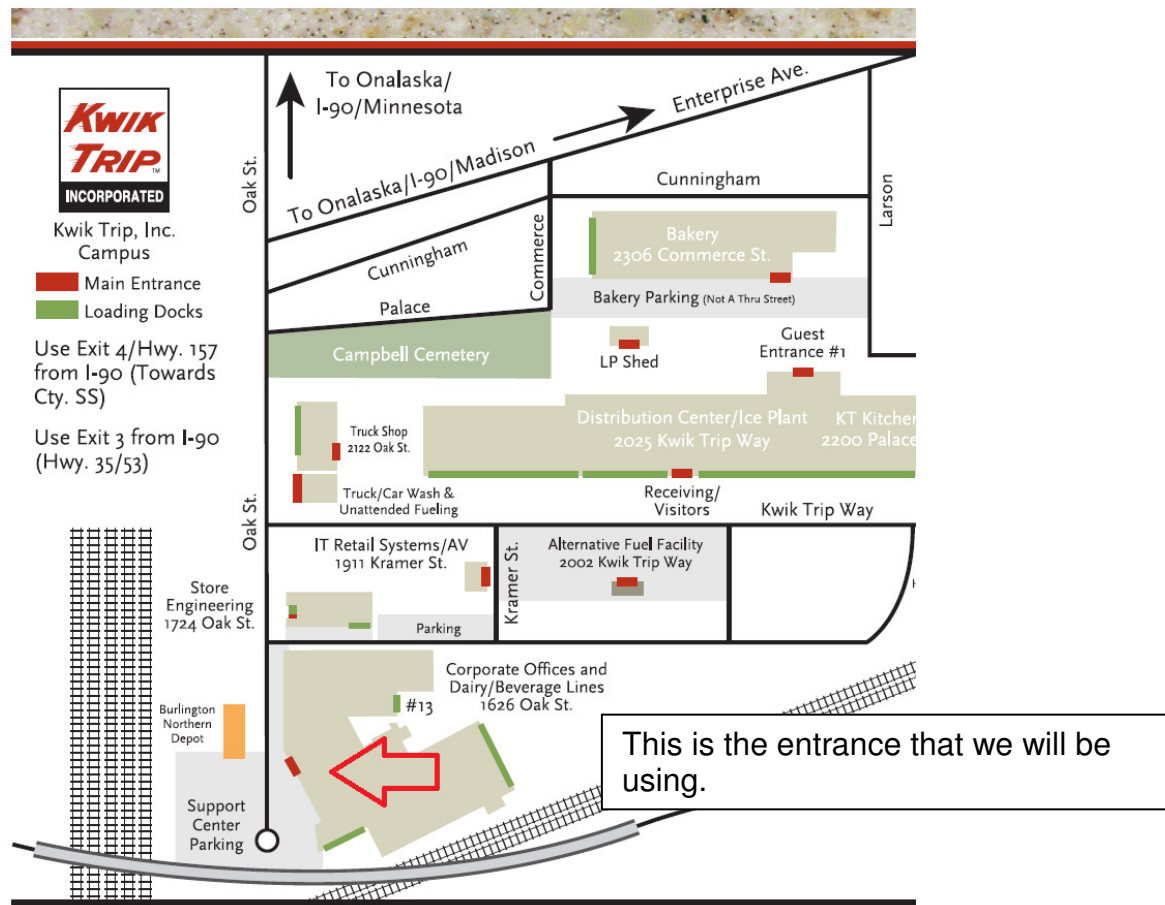
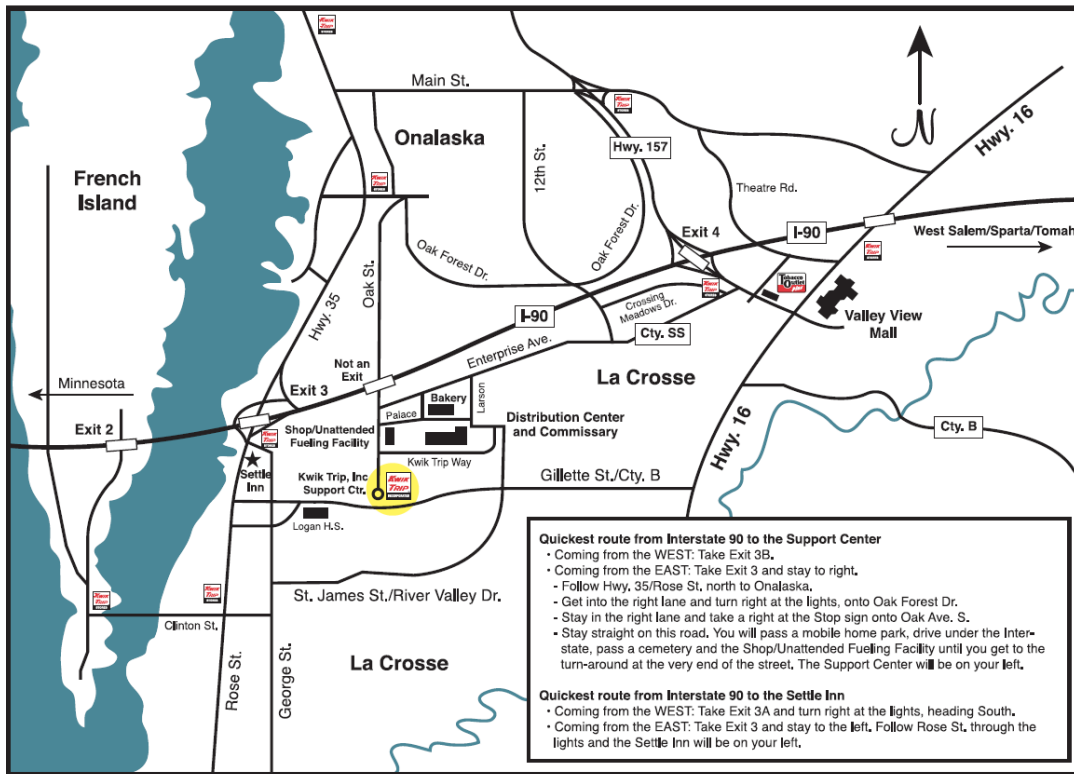
The tour of the expanded **Dairy facility** will include the following:

- Receiving and Processing Lab
- The new Blow Mold Facility
- Filler and Case Dock area
- Ice Cream plant

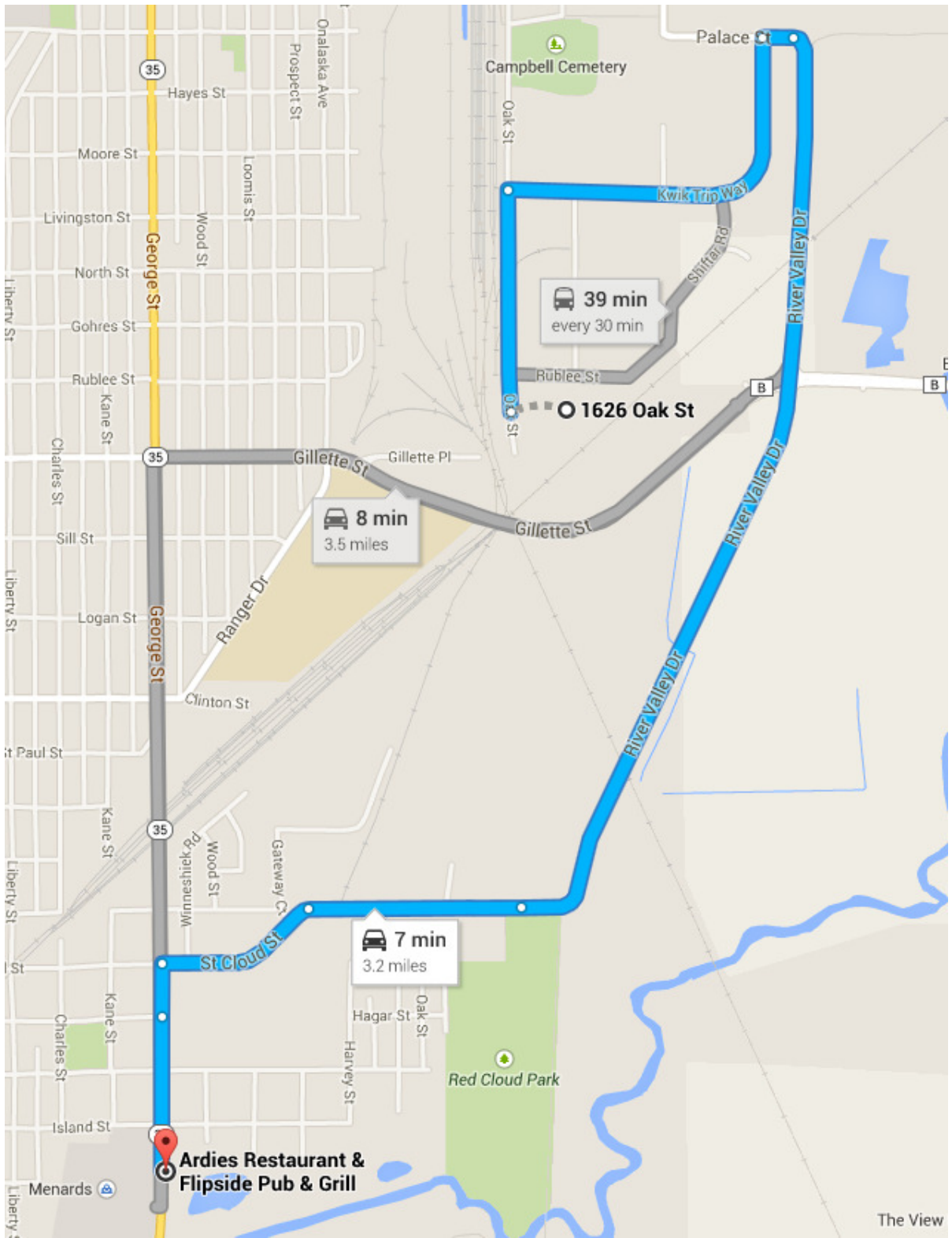
**With Kwik Trip™ Alternative Fuels**, the future now belongs in the present. In addition to selling E85, biodiesel and Stage 1 electric charging, Kwik Trip has committed to building a functional CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) infrastructure throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa as well as converting its own fleet to become natural gas powered. At Kwik Trip, we do all we can to make alternative fuels convenient and affordable for our guests.

For those that reply that you are going to the PING invitation, you will be sent a copy of their visitor registration form. Please fill that out and bring with you to the meeting to speed up the check-in process.

**Kwik Trip:** Meet at the Main Lobby at 1626 Oak St which has a large red metal canopy over the front door to pick up your visitor's badge.



# From Kwik Trip to Ardie's Restaurant



## **Future Meetings**

### **The last meeting until next year:**

November 18 meeting will be a speaker

Presentation by:

**Kathleen Lanik**

Chief Quality & Safety Officer

**Winona Health**

Topic:

Winona Health's performance/quality improvement journey using Lean and the Baldrige criteria - Awarded with the 2013 Performance Excellence Award from the Performance Excellence Network (PEN), formerly the Minnesota Council for Quality

Probable Location: The Plaza Hotel & Suites with meal provided by The Green Mill.

**Have Ideas for future Events? Please feel free to contact Tom Drackley,  
Programs Chair**

## **UW-L Statistical Consulting Center Is here to help**

Could you use some extra support with statistical analyses? Would a statistical training workshop meet the needs of your company and employees?

The UW-L Statistical Consulting Center (SCC) has been serving the students, faculty, and staff of UW-L since 2004. In 2014, they are extending their services to businesses and organizations in the La Crosse area. In doing so, the SCC aims to provide valuable and affordable statistical services to area businesses while giving meaningful internship opportunities to UW-L statistics students.

For a limited time, the SCC is offering FREE services to businesses and organizations in the La Crosse area to help grow their network of contacts and to solicit worthwhile consulting projects for their student interns to work on during the Fall of 2014.

For more information or to discuss project ideas, contact the SCC director, Barb Bennie, by email ([escc@uwlax.edu](mailto:escc@uwlax.edu)) or visit the SCC website, <http://www.uwlax.edu/Mathematics/Off-campus-clients/>.

# Certifications

<http://cert.asq.org/certification/control/index>

## Why become ASQ certified?

Maybe the better question is to ask yourself why you would not become certified.

### Benefits to you:

Provides Objective Evidence of Training and Competence  
Source of professional and personal pride  
Investment in career  
Mark of technical excellence  
Assurance that you are current with emerging technologies  
ASQ certification is endorsed by more than 125 corporations  
Better Position Yourself for Changes During Your Career.



ASQ certified professionals earn more money than their uncertified counterparts.

Examples:

Quality Manager / OE  
Salary Non-certified \$86,909  
Salary Certified \$94,846  
Increase of \$7,937



Quality Engineer  
Salary Non-certified \$73,085  
Salary Certified \$78,644  
Increase of \$5,559

Certification allows the time spent within ASQ to be effectively aligned and leveraged to the benefit of your career. The process of gaining certification exposes you to areas of quality tools and principles you may not have ever used or knew existed.

### Benefits to your Company:

Investment in the company's future  
Allows individual to perfect and share new techniques in the workplace  
Provides organization with knowledgeable employees who are able to assure product and service quality  
Customers recognize ASQ certification as a plus to their supplier's ability to perform.

### What it buys you

A Competitive Advantage  
Peer Recognition  
Increased Skills and Abilities  
Career Advancement  
Demonstrated Proficiency in Quality



Focus for Professional Development  
Enhanced Career Opportunities  
Enhanced Problem Solving Skills  
Marketable and Transferable Skills

All training, education counts to maintain all certifications simultaneously.  
Can be an one-time only examination for each certification by staying active in the Quality profession.

The process is simple straightforward and inexpensive, put yourself into a competitive advantage.



**FREE – Monthly ASQ Exclusive Gift for Members:**

<http://asq.org/member-gift/>

**NOT A MEMBER – JOIN NOW:**

<http://asq.org/membership/members/your-benefits.html>



### **Section Mugs**

**Available for purchase**

**Cost: \$5.00 each**

Available at  
Section Meetings

Cash or Check made  
payable to ASQ 1216

**Join the ASQ  
Section 1216  
Group on  
LinkedIn®**

<http://www.linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gid=2451778>



## Quality Training and Events

### Offered by Our Partners



To see what quality-related courses The QC Group is offering please visit <http://www.theQCgroup.com/training>

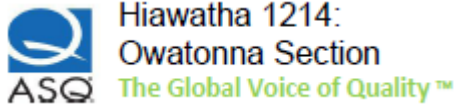


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A Catalyst for Success for 25 Years

To see what current meetings/events the Performance Excellence Network (formerly the Minnesota Council for Quality) is offering please visit <http://performanceexcellencenetwork.org/whats-happening/>



To see what current meetings/events the ASQ Minnesota Section 1203 is offering please visit <http://mnasq.org/events-calendar/>



ASQ 1216 Section Members receive a 10% discount on the below classes offered. Information and registration at [Classes: Business: ASQ](#)

COURSE NAME	DATE	TIME	HOURS	LOCATION	COST



**ASQ Lacrosse - Winona Section is excited to announce our Fall Class Schedule:**

[www.alphatc.com](http://www.alphatc.com)

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Exam Date	Cost
Quality Engineer (CQE)	Aug 26th	Dec 2nd	Dec 6th	\$650
Quality Auditor	Sept 10th	Dec 3rd	Dec 6th	\$575
Six Sigma Black Belt (CSBB)	Sept 18th	Mar 5th	Mar 7th	\$2,840
Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB)	Sept 4th	Dec 4th	Dec 6th	\$1,340
Calibration Tech. (CCT)	Sept 8th	Dec 1st	Dec 6th	\$600
Process Analysis (CQPA)	Sept 12th	Dec 5th	Dec 6th	\$550

## Career Opportunities

If your company has current openings and would like to be listed please contact the newsletter editor Samuel Liesch

Company	Employment Website
	<a href="http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/careers/home/">http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/careers/home/</a>
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	<a href="http://www.mayo-clinic-jobs.com/">http://www.mayo-clinic-jobs.com/</a>
	<a href="http://www.oemfab.com/careers/">http://www.oemfab.com/careers/</a>

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**IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING!**

***We are seeking motivated individuals to join our board for the 2015 year. Please contact a current board member if you are interested and remember that joining the board earns you extra Recertification Units!***

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