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Quotes:

Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.

— Aristotle

Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.

— Sir Winston Churchill

Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more.

— Mark Twain

Quality Link of the Month:

<http://www.higherawareness.com/>

October Meeting: Tour Behrens Manufacturing

When: Tuesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM

Where: Behrens Manufacturing

1250 E. Sanborn St.

Winona, MN 55987 (see attached map)

Steve Tuscic, President & CEO, has invited us to tour Behrens Manufacturing, which is the #1 supplier of steel containers in the U.S. Behrens has been manufacturing the highest grade of products for over 100 years. Their product line includes steel cans, tubs, ovals, pails and watering cans, and they serve a multitude of businesses including agriculture, automotive service, lawn and garden, recreational and novelty needs.

Steve and his team will show us their approach to keeping a small privately held company competitive in a US based manufacturing environment, which includes metal stamping and forming, assembly, inventory management and order logistics.

Their approach focuses on:

- Unsurpassed Quality
 - Highest quality galvanized steel
 - Superior manufacturing design
 - Superior consumer design advantages
- Excellent Customer Support/Supply Chain
 - EDI proficient
 - Orders shipped complete 99.85%
- Best known name to the consumer
- US manufactured
- Extensive breadth of product lines

Behrens products are can be found at many local retail outlets, including Fleet Farm, Menards, Home Depot, and others, as well as available through online sources, such as Fastenal and other hardware chains.

Additional information is available on their website: <http://www.behrensmfg.com/>

Dinner and socializing will follow at Ground Round, 405 U.S. 14, Winona, MN 55987. The cost is \$15.00 for ASQ Members and guests, and \$8.00 for Students with ID. Please RSVP by replying to the Evite, or contact Alan Spalding at alan.spalding@bench.com

Pay for this meeting and other events with **PayPal**[™] on the section website: <http://asq1216.homestead.com/SectMtgs.html>



CERTIFICATION LINKS

ASQ Certification Exam Dates: <http://www.asq.org/certification/dates.html>
Recertification Information: <http://www.asq.org/certification/recertification/index.html>

Best Practices in Leadership Effectiveness & Employee Engagement

When: November 10 Conference

November 11 Post-Conference Workshops

Where: Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport, Bloomington, MN



Research shows that the number one predictor of organizational excellence is effective leadership. Research also shows that having fully engaged, competent, motivated, and empowered employees is necessary to achieve and sustain high performance. But ensuring effective leadership and achieving a fully engaged workforce is challenging, especially during tough times.

The Minnesota Council for Quality is pleased to announce a special two-day conference this fall: "Best Practices in Leadership Effectiveness & Employee Engagement." The main conference will be Thursday, November 10, with post-conference workshops on Friday, November 11. High performing organizations such as US Bank, Toro, Allina Hospitals & Clinics, Olmsted County, Benedictine Health System, and AMSOIL have agreed to share best practices in succession planning, communication, servant leadership, measuring and increasing employee engagement, and many other relevant topics.

Experts will also exhibit November 10, and special facilitated networking/sharing sessions are scheduled for parts of the day to help attendees absorb content, share best practices amongst themselves, and meet/build relationships with other leaders and professionals interested in performance excellence.

Costs

Nov 10 full-day main conference: \$200 for members, \$300 for members of our partners, or \$400 non-members

Nov 11 post-conference workshops: \$200 for members, \$300 for members of our partners, or \$400 non-members

Both days (Nov 10-11) combined: \$350 for members, \$550 for members of our partners, or \$700 for non-members

Registration

To register for workshops and/or the conference, email brian.lassiter@councilforquality.org, with:

- * Name
- * Organization affiliation
- * Membership status
- * Event preferences (conference and/or post-conference workshops)

Partners

We appreciate the partnership of the following organizations and welcome their members/stakeholders at the reduced partner rate: American Society for Quality (ASQ) Minnesota Section 1203, *American Society for Quality (ASQ) LaCrosse/Winona Section 1216*, Association for Strategic Planning (ASP), Enterprise Minnesota, Mankato Area Quality Council, Minnesota High Tech Association, Wisconsin Center for Performance Excellence.

For more information, please visit <http://www.councilforquality.org/specialevent2.cfm>.

FREE - ASQ Member Gift for October

The October member gift is the last installment of the quality tools series. You'll learn about seven supplemental but essential tools to support you in your quality improvement efforts. This bundle includes eight webcasts with an exclusive focus on each tool:

- Overview of the Seven Supplemental Tools
- Defect Density Map
- Events Log
- Data Stratification
- Randomization
- Process Flowcharts and Maps
- Process Improvement Center
- Statistical Sampling and Size Determination

This benefit will be available to ASQ members through October 31, 2011 at <http://asq.org/member-gift/>.

Call for Presentations: Saint Louis Section of ASQ, Conference to be held April 27th, 2012

Rod Toro, one of the founding members of the La Crosse - Winona Section of ASQ, is looking for people interested in giving a presentation at his ASQ section's annual spring conference in Saint Louis, MO. The date is April 27th and the overall theme is "Tomorrow's Quality Today." Rod is the conference chairman and would love to have some people from Winona participate. He is trying to look at the theme from different perspectives, such as government, education, healthcare, and social responsibility.

If you are interested in presenting at this conference, please contact:

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The QC Group - Course Offerings

To see a list of quality-related courses please visit <http://www.theQCgroup.com/training>.

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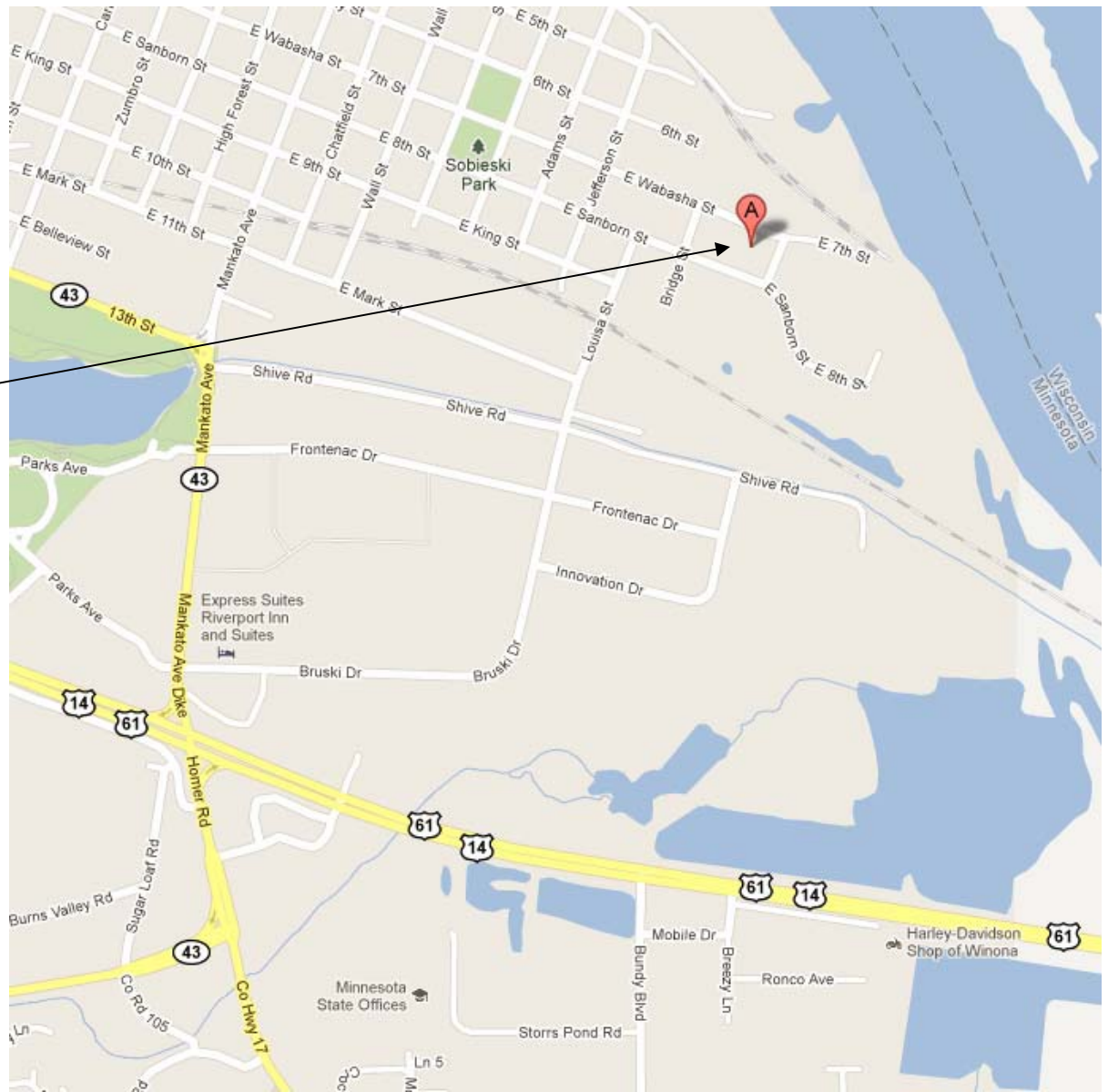
Please check out the section website at: <http://www.asq1216.homestead.com/>

La Crosse - Winona
ASQ Section 1216

October Meeting Map

**Behrens
Manufacturing**
1250 E Sanborn St.
Winona, MN 55987

Ground Round
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Winona, MN 55987





Hiawatha Section 1214

Serving Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa

Fall Semester 2011 Center for Business & Industry Quality & Process/ Performance Improvement Courses

South Central College – Faribault Campus

1225 3rd Street SW, Faribault MN 55021 ♦ 507/332-5800

COURSE NAME	DATES	DAY	TIME	TOTAL HOURS	TUITION
Understanding & Implementing ISO 9001	Sept 27	T	8a-4:30p	8	\$235
Internal Auditor Skills	Sept 28	W	8a-4:30p	8	\$235
Statistical Process Control (SPC)	Oct 6	H	8a-4:30p	8	\$235
Workplace Lean PILLARS (Introduction to Office Lean)	Oct 11	T	8a-4:30p	8	\$129*
Supplier Quality Management & Improvement	Oct 19	W	8a-4:30p	8	\$235
Project Management	Oct 25	T	8a-4:30p	8	\$235
Measurement Systems Analysis (MSA)	Nov 2	W	8a-12n	4	\$125
Lean 101: Principles of Lean Manufacturing	Nov 8	T	8a-4:30p	8	\$249
Introduction to Quality	Nov 15 & 16	TW	8a-4:30p	16	\$445
Problem Solving Tools & Methods	Dec 1	H	8a-4:30p	8	\$235
Failure Mode & Effects Analysis (FMEA)	Dec 8	H	8a-4:30p	8	\$235

* *Special Introductory Rate*

In appreciation to those that partner with us in promoting our training programs, members of the following organizations receive a **10% discount** on any of the workshops/courses listed on this page.

APICS Southern MN Chapter
ASQ Minnesota Section 1203
Mankato Area Council for Quality
Rochester Area Quality Council

ASQ La Crosse – Winona Section 1216
Greater Mankato Growth
Minnesota Council for Quality
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Go to cbi.southcentral.edu/enroll
for complete course information
and online registration.

Hiawatha Section 1214 has an *Education Assistance Program* which is available to provide funds to the membership where there is a financial need. To see the Section Policy and get an application, please contact the Education Chair, Tom Kammer at 507/389-7336 or tom.kammer@southcentral.edu.

Recertification units (RUs) may be available for workshop attendance.