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President's Message:

Winter is here and with it comes new challenges. Your IIE chapter has several challenges to overcome. We continue to see declining membership as well as fewer volunteers to keep your chapter operating. If you are interested in strengthening this chapter, please volunteer your time and talents to assist us in moving this chapter forward. We have an opening for a Communications Coordinator (see details on page 4 of this Newsletter). There are several other opportunities to get involved

The Networking Social December 9 at the Daisy Flour Mill was a great evening to meet people and to learn how 'small talk' is a first step toward building meaningful relationships. Kathleen Pringle of Predictive Insights, Inc. did a nice job leading the group and teaching us tools to enhance our networking skills.

As we continue through the year, we look forward to more Professional Development Workshops, Speaker Presentations, and Networking Opportunities with other professionals. Let's work together to strengthen our chapter and our profession.

If you have any ideas for future plant tours, speaker presentations, or professional development options, please feel free to contact me or another member of the Board of Directors.

Tim Letson
IIE Rochester Chapter President
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Upcoming Event: Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Holiday Inn - Rochester Airport

Preemptive Six Sigma Tools: Avoiding Those Pesky Unintended-Consequences

Janet Nelson, The WorkOut Consortium

Presentation: Our speaker will cover the most powerful (but non-statistical) Six Sigma tools to be used for avoiding problems. How often have you or your staff talked about someone who 'painted themselves into a corner' or how you heard someone 'wound up on thin ice' as a result of a poorly thought out decision or action?

The session reviews nine, interrelated and supporting problem-avoidance and decision making tools. At the end of this session the participants will be able to leverage these traditional problem solving tools to lead their staff or organization to better thought-out decisions; ones which avoid negative, unintended consequences and collateral damage.

Speaker: Janet Nelson is the president and owner of The WorkOut Consortium, a sub-company of J Nelson Enterprise, LLC, and a partner company of OQL Solutions. OQL Solutions is a consulting resource specializing in Operations, Quality, and Customer Loyalty improvements. Janet has a 20+ year record as a senior executive and consultant in leading companies to significantly improve operational efficiencies, product development processes, and customer loyalty & retention, by positively impacting the top and bottom line. Her active client base includes foreign and domestic companies coming from private and not-for profit segments.

Janet has a Masters in Systems Engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology, a BS in Applied Science from the State University of New York, and is certified by the American Society for Quality as a Six Sigma Black Belt.

Event Cost: IIE members: \$15, Guests: \$20, Students: \$10

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February 16 Dinner Meeting (continued)

Dinner: Breast of Chicken topped with marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese, pasta marinara, tossed garden salad, roll & butter and coffee or tea.

Schedule:

5:30 – 6:00 PM: Registration / Networking
 6:00 – 6:15 PM: Announcements
 6:15 – 7:00 PM: Dinner
 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Presentation

Reservations:

To place your reservations – Please call or email with name, company, and membership status:
 (585) 243-5260 or iqps@frontiernet.net
 by February 12th – but hurry, space is limited

Location: Holiday Inn Rochester Airport

Address: 911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624

Directions: Take I 390 to the Brooks Ave East exit near the Rochester International Airport. The Holiday Inn driveway will be the first right hand turn.

Come and increase your professional knowledge.
 Network with others - Bring a friend - Have fun!

Volunteer Request

We are looking for a person who would like to share their talents with your Rochester IIE Chapter.

Communications / Membership Coordinator:

- Send out notices (mostly electronic) to potential attendees for IIE chapter events. 'Constant Contact' is used for the majority of communications
- Maintain the membership database (electronic).
- Continually look at ways to deliver more effective communication.

If interested please contact Tim Letson for more information, iqps@frontiernet.net

Membership Update

Year-end 2009: 66
 Year-end 2008: 78
 Net growth (Loss): (12)
 New Members: Sarah Bonzo & Christopher Greene

Event Report: Steak Roast

Our annual Steak Roast was held on September 24 at Ellison Park; with over 40 people in attendance for the food and networking. Each year the Steak Roast marks the beginning of a new season, where we can catch up on old acquaintances and meet new people. This year I learned about the difficulties in raising grapes in a vineyard from John Althouse. A few months later I sent him an article on how a particular vineyard was applying Six Sigma methods to raising grapes. Cool! Engineering principles work in agriculture too.

As usual, much excitement was generated during the door prize give-away. Everybody likes to get free stuff. I would like to thank all the companies that donated the door prizes and offer special thanks to Dennis and Debbie Mulcahy for organizing the event. Don't get left out, be there next year!

Submitted by: Tim Letson

Thank-you for Steak Roast Donations!

We would like to thank the following companies who donated door prizes to the annual steak roast.

- Boeing – Greg Brown
- Currier Plastics – Al Gross
- Goodyear – Dunlop – Dennis Mulcahy
- IEC Electronics – John Biuso
- RIT ISE Department – John Kaemmerlen
- IIE Rochester – Debbie Mulcahy

September Steak Roast Photos



Greeter Gene



Plentiful & Delicious Food



Enthusiastic RIT Students



Catching up with Friends & Networking



Door Prizes



Having Fun & Sharing Some Laughs



And more prizes...

Calendar of Events

IIE Rochester Volunteers

Day-Date	Description	Location	Board of Directors			
			Position	Name	Phone	Email
February Tuesday 2/16/10	IIE Dinner Meeting: Preemptive Six Sigma Tools: Avoiding Those Pesky Unintended- Consequences– Janet Nelson, The WorkOut Consortium	Holiday Inn Airport, Brooks Avenue & I390	President	Tim Letson	(585) 243-5260	iqps@frontiernet.net
			Treasurer, Database, Webmaster	Gene Ligtenberg	(585) 621-3813	eligt@frontiernet.net
			Secretary	Open		
			Community Affairs	Open		
March	Health Care Panel Discussion	TBD				
April	Plant Tour	TBD				
May						
June	IIE Solutions Conference	Cancun, Mexico	Prof. Society Networking	Brent Wahba	(585) 315-7051	brentwahba@strategys cienceinc.com
			Membership	Open		
July	IIE Board of Directors: Strategic Planning		Newsletter	Greg Hart	(585) 671-5090	greghart@hartinnovati ons.com
			Program / Prof. Dev.	Open		
			RIT Chapter Advisor	John Kaemmerlen	(585) 475-2767	jtk3@rochester.rr.com

IIE Rochester Member Benefit: Greater Rochester Quality Council (GRQC)

IIE Rochester is an organization member of GRQC. This means up to two IIE members can attend any of their events at the member rate – often for free. Please register through GRQC and indicate you are a member of IIE.

Mergers & Acquisitions - February 18th - A GRQC Presentation

Please click on the link below to view the upcoming event, ‘Mergers & Acquisitions’ sponsored by the Greater Rochester Quality Council, an affiliate of the Rochester Business Alliance.

http://www.grqc.org/Upcoming_Event.asp?tID=38

If you wish to attend, please click on the ‘Register for Event’ button displayed on the right hand side of the screen.

Please visit us at www.GRQC.org

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Please consider volunteering some time to help your chapter. It is a fun way to support your profession!

IIE Northeast Region News

IIE is divided into regions. Ours is the Northeast Region and there are a number of initiatives underway. One of these is a monthly webcast.

Check out NE Region – Linked in:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=127575>

Professional Development Opportunities

IIE Rochester is committed to professional development for our members and guests. We have offered a variety of programs over the past several years. The most recent event was on Advanced Standard Work hosted by Coach & Equipment in Penn Yan. Participants learned how to apply standard work tools in an actual work setting and came away with experience, a notebook, and Excel tools.

We are looking for additional opportunities for workshops. Please consider hosting a workshop. If you are a subject matter expert, submit your idea or proposal. IIE Rochester handles promotion, registration and logistics. Ask about our profit-sharing arrangement. Please contact: Greg Hart greghart@hartinnovations.com or 585-314-1720