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***ENews Update from ASQ Golden Gate Section
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Please note our new Web address: <http://www.asqgoldengate.org>

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 26, 2008 Section Leader Training Seminar –

This training is for section officers, committee chairs and members who may be interested in becoming a future leader

<http://asqgroups.asq.org/SectionVolunteerCommunity/Region6/rd.html>

(Please note: If you are prompted for a sign-in at anytime while completing the short survey simply click cancel to proceed)

ASQ Section Leader Training

Region 6

Saturday, July 26, 2008

Wyndham Hotel

408-453-6200. (for hotel room reservations)

San Jose, CA

[online registration](#) (Registration by July 17th)

or

<http://tinyurl.com/5ocr5j>

Thursday, September 25, 2008 – Networking social event at Takara Sake Factory, Berkeley

The event will start at 6:00pm and end at 7:30pm. Suitably paired light snacks will be served.

To register for this event, go to:

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevalD=160196>

Program Chair

We welcome Gary Martin, our incoming Program Chair. We look forward to an exciting program in the upcoming year. Gary would love to get your ideas on hot topics and potential speakers from section members- Please contact Gary at events@asqgoldengate.org with your ideas!

ASQ - Silicon Valley Events

Information about upcoming events and member services provided by the ASQ Silicon Valley section can be found at: <http://www.asq-silicon-valley.org/>

ASQ Certification Courses for 2008

Silicon Valley offers the following certification exam preparation courses. Certification Courses assume participants have had experience in the field they are preparing for and are directed specifically to certification test preparation.

Course	Dates	Day	Time	Location	Instructor
150C Certified Quality Manager	Aug 5 – Oct 7	Tuesdays	6 – 10 PM	Cisco Bldg D	Chandru Idnani
150 D Certified Quality Manager	Aug 16, 30, Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7	Every 2 nd Saturday	8 AM – 5 PM	TBD	Chandru Idnani
154 B Certified Quality Inspector	Aug 19, 25, Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7	Tuesdays	6 – 10 PM	Lam Research	Greg Novacek
155 C Certified Quality Engineer	Sep 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18	Tuesdays	6 – 10 PM	TBD	Don Evans

Register by email to dfevans-1@comcast.net (Don Evans). Registration forms will be sent by return email. Classes may be cancelled due to insufficient number of registrations.

Section Survey Reminder

If you have not yet completed our section survey, please help us to provide Section events and services that can better meet the needs of our members. To participate in our survey, [click here](#).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you for your participation.

Upon completion of the survey you will be redirected to the new ASQ Golden Gate chapter website, <http://www.asqgoldengate.org>

The survey uses SSL encryption for your responses. Depending on your browser settings, there may be a message that the survey data is going to an unsecure site. This is caused by the redirect to our ASQ website not to unsecure data transmission within the survey.

New Section Board Seated July 1, 2008

You can find our section leaders and their contact emails by visiting the [Section Leadership](#) page at our website. For your convenience, we are including the contact information for our section leaders below:

2008-2009 Section Officers

Chair:	Kate Raymond	chair@asqgoldengate.org
Chair-Elect:	Wai Wong	chair-elect@asqgoldengate.org
Vice-Chair:	Mike Spencer	vicechair@asqgoldengate.org
Secretary:	Moria Feighery-Ross	secretary@asqgoldengate.org
Treasurer:	Jeanne Vargas	treasurer@asqgoldengate.org

2008-2009 Section Board

Membership Chair	Darrell Belt	members@asqgoldengate.org
Program Chair	Gary Martin	events@asqgoldengate.org
Webmaster	Brian Wada	webmaster@asqgoldengate.org
Communications Chair	K. Dawn Plaskon	newsletter@asqgoldengate.org
Certification & Recertification Chair	Jim Kohnen	certification@asqgoldengate.org
Education Chair	Blaine Glandt	education@asqgoldengate.org
Auditing Chair	Geoff Langstaff	auditing@asqgoldengate.org
Section Marketing	Gary Martin	marketing@asqgoldengate.org
Immediate Past Chair	Bikash Chatterjee	elections@asqgoldengate.org

Elections Committee Chair		
Past Chair 2006-2007 Director at Large	Juliet Carrara	jcarrara@asqgoldengate.org
Director at Large	Jennifer Brandenburg	jbrandenburg@asqgoldengate.org
Director at Large	Lily Tso	ltso@asqgoldengate.org

Certification News

The deadline to apply for a seat at the certification exam scheduled for October 18, 2008 is coming up. If you wish to sit for this certification exam, you must submit your application to ASQ National by August 15, 2008. For more information, see our [certification page](#) on the Golden Gate Section Website.

The following certification exams will be offered on October 18, 2008:

- Biomedical Quality Auditor
- HACCP Auditor
- Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence
- Quality Technician
- Reliability Engineer
- Six Sigma Black Belt

The most recent exam was administered on June 7, 2008. Our section had 30 members sitting for certification exams. The breakdown is:

- 1 - Certified Calibration Technician
- 1 - Certified Green Belt
- 17 - Certified Quality Auditor
- 10 - Certified Quality Engineer
- 1 - Certified Software Quality Engineer

Complete information on the ASQ certification process can be obtained on <http://www.asq.org/training-and-certification.html>.

Recertification Process

Recertification CPU documentation is available at Golden Gate meetings and sponsored events. Please contact Jim Kohlen at jim483@aol.com with questions about recertification.

Chairman's corner

Welcome to the new year for our Section July 2008 - June 2009. As we all take off some time for summer activities with family and friends - the new board is

actively working to outline the goals for this year's section business plan. We will continue to leverage our strengths from previous years and capitalize on new board members' creativity. We are committed to providing our members an excellent and relevant program of information, talks and educational opportunities aligned with and in support of the Society's mission. Just how we do that must be based on our members' needs. If you have not already done so, please take the section survey so we can hear from you directly- see the survey link within the newsletter. For those who have taken the survey – Thank you.

Several of you have mentioned you would like to learn more about ASQ and participate as a volunteer- We are going to take you up on it!

If you have specific suggestions or want to help out with the planning and the calendar of events/programs for this year please contact our Program Chair- Gary Martin; events@asqgoldengate.org

We invite all members to participate in the **ASQ Section Leader Training on July 26 to be held in San Jose**. This is free training that will cover a variety of topics related to roles and responsibilities of board members as well as how to use the tools and resources available from ASQ National. This is a great entree to learn about section activities and a terrific networking opportunity. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the Summer!

Kate Raymond
ASQ Golden Gate Section Chair

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