



ASQ NEWSLETTER

Information for Area Quality Professionals

April 2009

April Meeting – “Town Hall for Hope” with Dave Ramsey – April 23rd – 6 pm

We plan to do something a little different with our April Meeting. You may or may not have heard of Dave Ramsey. Dave is a personal money management expert. He is an extremely popular national radio personality and best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace* and *More Than Enough*. He is also host of “The Dave Ramsey Show” on Fox Business Network. Ramsey knows first-hand what financial peace means in his own life – living a true rags to riches to rags to riches story. By age twenty-six he had established a four-million-dollar real estate portfolio, only to lose it by age thirty. He has since rebuilt his financial life and now devotes himself full-time to helping ordinary people understand the forces behind their financial distress and how to set things right. Through his proven plan, Ramsey helps people eliminate debt and credit cards, learn to budget, avoid bankruptcy, build wealth and find financial peace. “The Dave Ramsey Show” is syndicated to more than 400 radio stations nationwide with more than 4 million weekly listeners.

Dave is hosting a Town Hall for Hope simulcast on Thursday, April 23rd at 7 pm. We will be joining Dave via simulcast for the nationwide town hall meeting and discovering what’s happening with the economy, how we got here, and where we’re going. Ramsey will be hosting this meeting live from LifeChurch in Oklahoma City, Okla. and it will be broadcast to First Baptist Church in Salado as well as thousands of other locations across the country for the public to attend free of charge.

“The solution to America’s economy is to get people to believe again. It’s time to connect with families to instill hope and optimism in our economy and our country. We the people are the healing agents,” comments Ramsey.

There will be no charge to attend the meeting. Ramsey will be covering the economy, your money, and the answers to many people’s questions. Throughout the meeting, Ramsey will be taking questions live from viewers by phone, email, Twitter, Facebook, and more.

Since fall 2008 we have witnessed the largest stock market drop in history, an increasing unemployment rate, and a steady decline in home sales. With many Americans living in fear about the economy, Dave Ramsey will be spreading a message of hope through this meeting. For information about Town Hall for Hope, please visit www.townhallforhope.com.

We will meet at First Baptist Church in Salado at 6:00 pm to have a short meeting and pizza. We will then sit together for the broadcast. Seating is first come, first served. So, please arrive early. RSVP’s are needed so that we will have a count for pizza and to let the church know how many will attend. Please RSVP to Andy Eller at the e-mail or phone number below by Wednesday, April 22nd.

First Baptist Church of Salado is located at 210 South Main Street in Salado. From Waco and Temple, take I-35 south toward Salado and take Exit 285 (FM 2268). Turn left under I-35 then turn right at the stop sign onto Main Street headed south. First Baptist Church of Salado is about 1 mile down Main on the Right.

2009/2010 Section Chair Needed

It's time to be honest! We are having a hard time finding someone who wants to be our Section Chair for the 2009/2010 ASQ Year. I know all of us have many things to do and volunteering to run the ASQ Section just doesn't seem to fit with our schedules. However, if we don't find a Chair by May 1st, our local Section is in danger of folding. I know many of us don't want that. However, most of the current board members have served in the Chair position in the recent past and are unable to do so again for a while.

Please consider being the ASQ Section Chair. You won't be without assistance in that many of us are coming back in various other roles. Time commitment is about 6 to 8 hours per month in addition to our monthly meetings. You will mostly be responsible for setting up the monthly meetings and keeping in touch with HQ to ensure we are following all the by-laws and guidelines. Don't worry if you don't know what they are. The other Section Officers do and ASQ HQ does a good job of keeping you up to date on what's needed.

So, if you are interested, please let Andy Eller or Victoria Simpson know as soon as possible. They can be reached at the e-mails and phone numbers below.

Certification Exam Schedule

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Application Date</u>	<u>Exam Date</u>
Reliability Engineer/Quality Technician/Quality Inspector/Manager of Quality & Organizational Excellence/Biomedical Auditor/HACCP Auditor/Six Sigma Black Belt	August 14, 2009	October 17, 2009
Quality Engineer/Quality Auditor/Software Quality Engineer/Six Sigma Green Belt/Quality Process Analyst/Quality Improvement Associate/Calibration Technician	April 10, 2009 October 9, 2009	June 6, 2009 December 5, 2009

Certification Web Site - <http://www.asq.org/certification/index.html>

2008 - 2009 ASQ Section 1406 Officers and Committee Chairs

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