

Tuesday,
May 13, 2008

LOCATION: Shilo Inn
50 Comstock
Richland Washington

5:30 p.m. - Check in/Networking
and no-host cocktail service

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Presentation

DINNER BUFFET:

The Chef and crew at O'Callahan's Restaurant always provide a great – and varied – buffet dinner for us at the Shilo Inn.

This usually includes two entrée choices, plus accompanying vegetable, a number of tasty salads, and a vegetable and/or fruit tray. Your choice of coffee, tea or decaf is included with dinner.

And don't forget to save some room for dessert!

Cost:

\$ 17 ASQ members
\$ 20 non-members
\$ 5 presentation only

Reservations are requested by May 7. Send an email to prevette@owt.com with your name, phone number, company affiliation, and type of reservation, or call Steve at 373-9371.

NOTE: All no shows will be billed unless canceled 48 hours in advance. For more information about ASQ, our section, and other upcoming events, be sure to check our web site at www.asq614.org/.



“Six Sigma Basics”

Janice Allison

**Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt
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Are you new to Six Sigma and looking for a basic understanding of what it's all about and how it might help you and your organization? Perhaps you already have had some training or experience with the tools and are interested in learning more?

Six Sigma is a disciplined, data-driven approach and methodology for eliminating defects (driving toward six standard deviations between the mean and the nearest specification limit) in any process -- from manufacturing to transactional and from products to services. Information and statistical analysis are used to measure and improve an organization's operational performance, practices and systems by identifying and preventing 'defects' in manufacturing and service-related processes in order to anticipate and exceed expectations of all stakeholders to accomplish effectiveness.

According to the Six Sigma Academy, Black Belts can save companies approximately \$230,000 per project and can complete four to six projects per year.

No matter what kind of “belt” you currently wear, we encourage you to join us on May 13. Presenter Janice Allison will provide an overview of Six Sigma basics with some examples of practical application.

About the Presenter:

Janice Allison is a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt with Bechtel, currently working on the Hanford Tank Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Project. She is a Six Sigma trainer and mentor recognized as an organizational subject matter authority for continuing process improvement and cost savings initiatives. Throughout her career in Six Sigma, she has been involved in identifying over \$100 million in cost savings. She joined Bechtel in 1990 with the Quality Assurance group and served as a QA Manager until 2001 when she joined the Six Sigma Program. Janice received training as a Yellow Belt, Black Belt, and was the first Master Black Belt to be certified for Bechtel in 2003. She has additional certification as a trainer/mentor in Lean Manufacturing, Design for Six Sigma (DFSS), Performance Based Leadership, and Practicing Perfection (advanced Human Performance techniques and applications). She holds a BA from the University of Tennessee majoring in Chemistry/Microbiology.