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American Society for Quality  
Section 501  
North Central Pennsylvania  
NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER

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October 2011 MEETING

**DATE:** October 26, 2011

**TIME:** Dinner: – 06:00 pm  
Program - 06:30 pm

**PLACE:** Supelco, Division of Sigma Aldrich Corporation  
595 N. Harrison Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

**DINNER CHOICE: #1:** Stuffed Chicken Breast - \$12.00

**#2:** Vegetarian Lasagna - \$10.00

**Note:** both dinner choices include salad, vegetables, rolls, butter, beverage and dessert.

**PROGRAM:** *Continuous Improvement Program (CIP): “It is not about doing one thing 100% better; it is about doing 100 things 1% better.”* (presentation and tour)

**Meeting Overview:**

Presentation by Duane Funk, Manager, Process Improvement, and Donna Merrill, Analytical Business Operations, will include:

- 1) Overview of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and Supelco division
- 2) Process Improvement at Supelco: Directing PI tied to strategic goals, and increasing employee engagement through a shop floor CIP program.

A tour will follow to show the use of a Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) in production areas.

**NOTE: NO CAMERAS OR SMOKING ARE ALLOWED ON SITE.**

**SAFETY:** Closed shoes, safety glasses and earplugs required.

**RESERVATIONS:** Please email your dinner choice to [donna.merrill@sial.com](mailto:donna.merrill@sial.com)  
by Monday, October 17.

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### **Congratulations:**

Christopher P. Keller Certified Quality Technician

### **Parking information:**

For mapquest or GPS directions, use the following address:  
595 N. Harrison Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Once on N. Harrison Road, turn onto Witherite Road to enter the **employee parking lot** (See **white sign marked “employee entrance” at road and parking lot entrance.**) Enter through the **main employee entrance**. An escort will be at the security guard station to direct you to the meeting room.

\*\*Any problems with directions on 10/26/11, call Donna Merrill on cell phone:  
(814) 574-2411.

### **Upcoming programs:**

November 15, 2011 – Sun Technical Institute – no dinner offered; meeting at 06:00pm.  
December 2011 – no meeting scheduled; next meeting will in January 2012.

**Upcoming exam date: December 3, 2011: Application Deadline October 14, 2011**

**Calibration Technician; Lean Certification; Pharmaceutical GMP Professional; Quality Auditor; Quality Engineer; Quality Improvement Associate; Quality Process Analyst; Six Sigma Green Belt; Software Quality Engineer.**