

# Saginaw Valley Quality Source

Saginaw Valley Section 1004 Newsletter

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## Dinner Meeting Notice

**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2002  
**Location:** **Broadstreet North-  
Victorian Room**

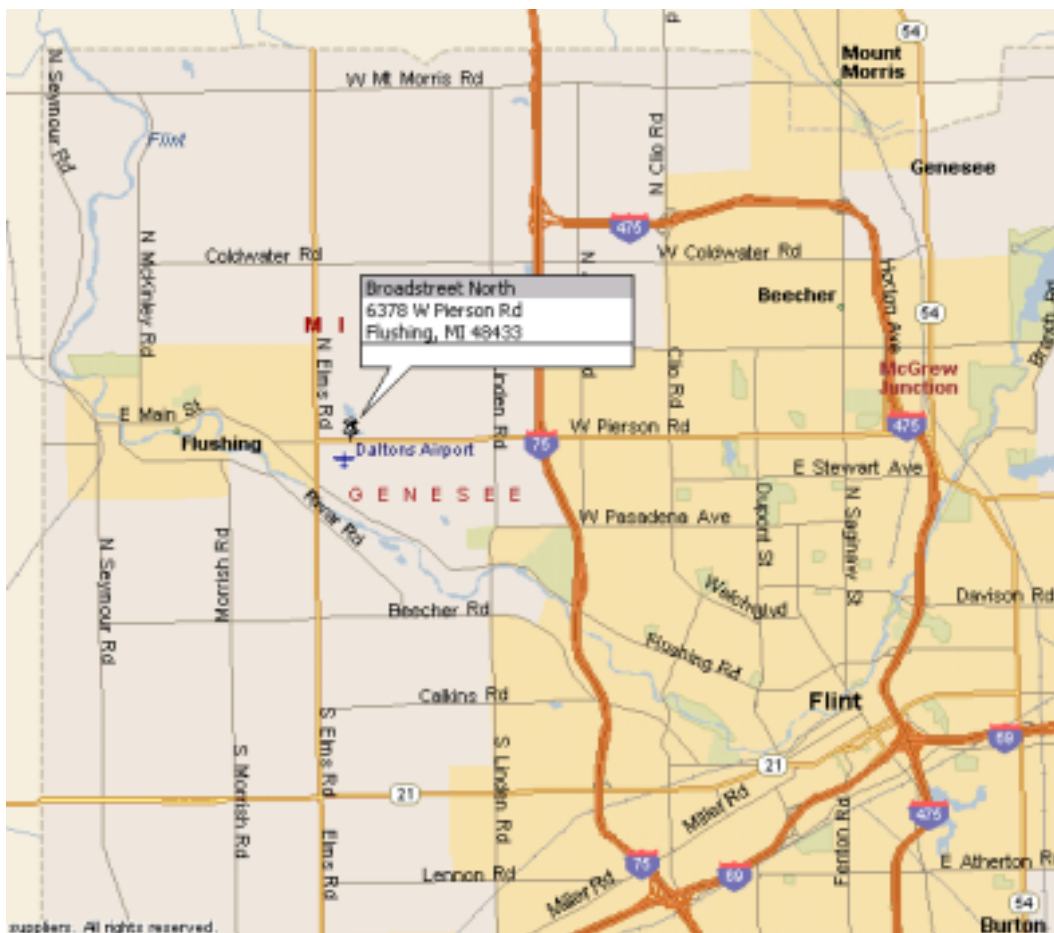
**Agenda:** 6:00 PM Social Time  
6:30 PM Business Meeting  
7:00 PM Dinner  
7:45 PM Speaker

There will be a cash bar available from 6:00 to 6:30.

**Dinner will be:**

**Buffet style with choices of Prime Rib and Chicken Wellington  
Desert bar and non-alcoholic beverages included.**

Cost is \$17.00 for members w/reservations and \$19.00 for members and non-members at the door. Please call Shelly Bennett at (989) 496-8202 for Dinner RSVP and leave a message.



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## **Topic: Actuaries**

**Kenneth G. Alberts**  
**Client Relationship Consultant**

Kenneth Alberts joined Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company in June 1987. He has provided actuarial and consulting services for many statewide and municipal systems including public employee retirement systems in Michigan, Nebraska, Connecticut, Colorado, Indiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin. Ken also serves as the primary consultant for PERA New Mexico and several municipal retirement systems.

In addition to his consulting responsibilities he is Team Leader of the GRS Actuarial Research and Development Team, which is responsible for the development and maintenance of GRS actuarial valuation software.

### **Experience**

Mr. Alberts' experience includes performing actuarial valuations, analysis of the impact of plan changes, population projection and cash flow studies, and creation and maintenance of specialized retirement system software. He was one of the core programmers for the CalPERS actuarial software project, a project to develop a customized valuation system for on-site use by the largest retirement system in the country. His experience also includes testifying as an expert witness before courts and legislative subcommittees.

### **Professional Associations**

Mr. Alberts is pursuing Associateship in the Society of Actuaries.

### **Professional Activities**

Ken regularly attends national conferences held by associations serving public employee retirement systems, and has given several presentations at both national and local conferences on retirement plan design and the Defined Benefit Plan vs. Defined Contribution Plan debate.

### **Education**

BA in Mathematics from Albion College, Michigan.  
Member of Kappa Mu Epsilon National Honorary Mathematics Fraternity.

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*The following is a listing of the Executive Committee members for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any committee member.*

## **Section 1004 Executive Committee 2002-2003**

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### **From the Webmaster/Membership Chair:**

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Also available at our website is a link under **Your Membership** where you can update your address (and e-mail options) information and a link under **Dinner Meetings** for making reservations online!

Any questions can be sent to [webmaster@asq1004.org](mailto:webmaster@asq1004.org).  
Thanks!

### **CQA Refresher Course**

We would like to try something new with the CQA Refresher Course. Since a lot of our membership already has background with auditing concepts and experience with auditing, we would like to offer an abbreviated course that just addresses preparation for the CQA exam. We would meet on 3 Saturday mornings. Since the class will be shorter and more self-directed, the cost will be less also. We will offer the class for \$250 per student for ASQ members and \$300 for non-members. This includes the study primer. The class would be offered at a location to be announced in the Bay City, Saginaw, and Midland area.

If you are interested in finding out more about a CQA refresher, please contact Greg Rovoll at 989-757-5951 or email [greg.rovoll@delphiauto.com](mailto:greg.rovoll@delphiauto.com).

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## EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

### MS Degree in Continuous Improvement (Quality) Methods

Join other professionals in post-graduate study culminating in an MS degree with a major in Quality. The program is currently offered in Ypsilanti, Livonia, and on-line via the Internet. It has also been offered at other public sites in Michigan and at dedicated corporate locations. Please call for further information if a corporate site better suit your needs.

Our students are typically mid-career individuals with quality-related responsibilities in areas such as manufacturing, social services, education, construction, food services, finance, government, healthcare and printing. The curriculum consists of 30 semester hours and includes: Value Analysis, Cost of Quality, Human Factors in Continuous Improvement, Lean Practices, Customer Satisfaction, Quality Systems: Practice & Theory (TQM), Quality Planning, Operational Auditing, Statistical Process Control (SPC), Design of Experiments, Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing, Reliability, Research Methods, and a capstone research project or thesis. The program can be tailored to meet the diverse needs of any organization seeking to improve. Those applying to the program must have a baccalaureate degree with an overall grade point average of 2.5. Note that individual courses may be taken prior to admission to the graduate degree program.

For further information, send e-mail to Bob Chapman at: [CHAPHOOK@AOL.COM](mailto:CHAPHOOK@AOL.COM), or call the Department of Industrial Technology at: 734-487-2040.

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hereford & Hops- Bay City	Training for Alliterate	Pat Sweeney
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Broad Street North- Flushing	Actuaries	Kenneth G. Alberts
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Damon's- Saginaw	On-line Security	
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage House- Chesaning	TBD	
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hereford & Hops- Bay City	MDOT- Highway Material Testing	
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Center for the Arts- Midland	Amphibian Studies	Lori Sargent
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Zehnder's- Frankenmuth	Migratory Bird Analysis	Ray Adams
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel's- Flint	Quality of Testing: Asbestos	Jeff Frazier
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuscany- Midland	Recognition Night	

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