Thursday Dinner Meeting
November 18, 2004

All You Wanted to Know about the FDA,
But Were Afraid to Ask

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LOCATION: HOLIDAY INN SELECT PERIMETER
4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Chamblee, GA
Directions: Exit 30 off I-285, go south inside the perimeter, hotel is on your right

TIME:
5:30 P.M. Social Period & Registration/Cash Bar
6:30 P.M. Dinner Begins
Menu: HERB GRILLED CHECKEN BREAST WITH MANDARIN ORANGE SAUCE, RICE PILAF & SEASONAL VEGETABLES
7:30 P.M. Speaker/Program Begins

COST: $25-Member; $30-NonMember • Checks payable to “ASQ, Atlanta Section” are preferred. VISA, MASTERCARD, and Cash are accepted.

RSVP: Voice Mail (770) 717-4506 or via e-mail at asq_atlanta@hotmail.com. Please leave the attendee’s name, company name, work number, & special meal requirements* by NOON ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2004.
All You Wanted to Know about the FDA . . . But Were Afraid to Ask

This month’s presentation will discuss the mission of the FDA, where the agency gets its statutory and regulatory authority, how it uses that authority to regulate drugs, medical devices, biologics, and food, and practical suggestions on how to work effectively and constructively with the FDA.

William H. Kitchens is the Managing Partner of Arnall Golden Gregory LLP and formerly chaired the firm’s Food and Drug Law practice. For over 30 years he has counseled and represented clients on regulatory and compliance matters in a range of areas including food, drugs, medical devices, biotechnology, and tissue engineering. He has extensive experience before state and federal courts and administrative agencies defending enforcement actions brought by the FDA, USDA, FTC, EPA and state agencies.

He is an adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law, where he has taught a course in food and drug law since 1979. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Biomedical Partnership, a member of the Atlanta Bioscience Council and is a past member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Food and Drug Law Journal.

Mr. Kitchens earned his BA with high honors from Emory University (1970) and his JD from the University of Georgia School of Law (1973), where he was an editor of the Law Review and a member of the Moot Court Board. He has written and lectured extensively on topics relating to food and drug law and trade regulation.

MEMBERSHIP

In the month of August, 27 new members joined for a total of 1,715 members in the section at the end of August 2004.

THE CHAIR COLUMN

I would like to extend my thanks to Larry Aft, Sandi Reynolds, Barney Bucy and the rest of the Conference Staff for putting on another great Conference. We had well over 200 attendees for this conference. If you would like to participate on next year’s committee, please contact Larry Aft or Sandi Reynolds. We will be getting together again in January to plan for the 2005 Conference. The Committee is always interested in entertaining suggestions for speakers, topics or ways we can make the conference more meaningful to the Section membership.

In spite of the efforts of Hurricane Ivan, we did hold our September Dinner Meeting, albeit a week later. And it was well worth it. Tom Guthrie did a fantastic job. And this was a great kick-off for this year’s Dinner Meetings. Almost all who had signed up for the original meeting were able to reschedule and attend this one. And from the comments afterwards, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding session.

The November Dinner Meeting will be on the 18th. We look forward to seeing you there! And as a reminder, there will be no December Dinner Meeting. We figure that you will want to spend quality time with your family and the various stores.

As always, if you have a prospective speaker you think might be of interest to the rest of the Section, contact Ade Shitta-Bey and provide her with the information. If you have some ideas regarding a Company that you'd like us to look into for a tour, let her know that as well. We aim to provide you, our customers, the best program we can offer, but we need your feedback to make it happen.

And finally, we have several important events occurring in November - Elections, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Each is significant in and of itself. On November 2nd, we will have the opportunity to select the leadership of this country for the next four years. Please make a point to learn about each candidate and make an informed decision. On November 11th, we honor the Veterans who defend our freedoms. Be sure to keep them in your thoughts and prayers - those who have defended our freedoms in the past, and those who are valiantly doing so now. And of course, on November 25th, we celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a time to be with family and to give thanks for all that we have and for all the blessings we have received this past year.

Fred A. Feltmann, Jr.
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Registration for exams must be completed with ASQ in Milwaukee. Please call 1-800-248-1946 for specific exam registration.

**Certified Quality Technician:** Jan. 29 - Feb. 19, 2005
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (4 Saturdays)
Fee: $495
Certification Exam Date: March 5, 2005
Exam Application Deadline: January 7, 2005

**Certified Quality Auditor:** May 5 & 6, 2005
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Thursday & Friday)
Fee: $365
Certification Exam Date: June 4, 2005
Exam Application Deadline: April 1, 2005

**Location:** IIE Headquarters, Norcross

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**December 4, 2004**

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 18 — Dinner Meeting at the Holiday Inn Select Perimeter
Dec. — No Dinner Meeting

Please Make Your Reservations by 12:00 Noon, Nov. 15, for the Upcoming Meeting! Voice Mail (770) 717-4506 or via e-mail at asq_atlanta@hotmail.com

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