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Monday, 12 October 2015

The Thumbprint - Quarterly

Welcome to the fall edition of the Thumbprint newsletter! In this issue, you'll find information about the upcoming chapter meetings, opportunities in education, and 2016 PDD. Let us know your feedback our new format – we hope to see you at a Chapter dinner meeting.

Join us for the PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting - 10/14/2015

TOPIC: Managing Quality Through Significant Growth Cycles

SPEAKER: Cass Ferris, Director of Interactive, Morley Companies, Inc.



ABSTRACT: The presentation will center on effective steps in planning for growth, and the significance of training and quality management through the launch of a new project, during the first 90 days of the project, and beyond. We will discuss lessons learned regarding internal communications, scope control, resource allocation, risk management, and stakeholder needs management.

[Register Now!](#)

Dinner and Presentation: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Can't make it for dinner? Join us for the speaker presentation that begins at 7:00 PM. *Networking, door prize, and more...*

Meeting Location: Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn, 713 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Message from the President - Doug Kiracofe

On Monday September 14, 2015, the Chapter held another successful **Professional Development Day** (PDD) for our membership and other attendees. Our keynote speaker, **Jeff DeHaven** from Blue Thumb Digital, shared with us several essentials for attracting Millennials to the profession of project management through social media.

Think about it... who will be taking our places in the field when we retire? The workforce is nothing like it was 30, 20, or even 10 years ago. Back when I entered the workforce I wanted to be like so many others I had known in my life... to hire into a company and retire out from the same company. I became disillusioned somewhere along the way as downsizings and corporate layoffs happened frequently and job loss became common. The term "30 and out"

Our Chapter has Twitter account (@pmimtc), which will be used in conjunction with the website to provide up-to-date information to our members. Feel free to check it out and let us know what you think or if you have any suggestions!

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happened frequently and job loss became common. The term "go and out" disappeared as my career developed. I began to wonder what had happened as the world my dad was a part of vanished. Today, Millennials are all over the workforce in every profession and they do not know the world as we knew it. Job change is a normal way of life and the word "pension" among others is foreign.

Myles Miller shared insights on managing Baby Boomers who, at age 70, are still working. He shared there are 5 generations in the workforce right now all working together and managers have to know how to deal with all of them. He also indicated that Baby Boomers should seek someone younger than themselves to mentor them. Imagine that. Aren't mentors usually older? However, in this changing work environment the Millennials have specific skills and are extremely tech savvy and can teach us Baby Boomers things we never knew. The guards are slowly changing and they are thriving in the digital age and if we are to keep up with them we must learn to communicate at that level.

HEY MEMBERS!!!

Don't miss our next dinner meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 14, 2015!!! **Registration is still open.**

We will feature **Cass Ferris**, Director of Interactive at Morley Companies, Inc. of Saginaw. His presentation will focus on the effective steps in planning for growth and the significance of training and quality management through the launch of a new project, during the first 90 days of the project, and beyond. Please plan on joining us in Frankenmuth!

The **PMI Global Congress LIM** is coming! This year it is being held in Orlando, Florida on October 11-13 and we are pleased to be sending Dave VerBeek and Jim Donovan to the **event** to represent the Thumb Chapter. They will join their peers from over 60 countries for three days of learning and networking aimed at building technical, leadership, and strategic and business management skills at the largest global gathering of project, program, and portfolio management professionals. Thank you, Dave and Jim, for attending this year!

Thank you for being part of the Michigan Thumb Chapter. Please **contact** me with any questions, concerns, or just to let me know how we can serve you better.

Upcoming events

PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting - 11/11/2015

TOPIC: What's all the Talk about Agile and What's in it for me

SPEAKERS: Will Sosnowsky (HP) - ScrumMaster & Agile Coach

ABSTRACT: By any objective measure, the amount of significant, often traumatic, change in organizations is increasing. The need for change is being driven by competitiveness in the marketplace, which drives the need for rapid innovation in every part of the business. Disruptive innovations are creating new markets, engagement marketing is using customer feedback to enhance the brand, products and services. Further, the business wants to embrace digital and create connectivity between all the constituents in their echo-system. To achieve positive outcomes our customers are turning to approaches that can deliver stakeholder value quicker. To increase the speed of innovation we will to embrace collaboration which is inherent in Agile practices. As a result we are seeing an increased demand for Agile as a product development methodology as an enabler to support this change. This presentation will provide you with an overview of Agile mind-set and a quick look at the Scrum work process. We all need to increase our Agile understanding to help customers going forward.

Meeting Location: Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn, 713 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Registration: View details and register online for the **November 11, 2015 Dinner Meeting.**

SPOTLIGHT: Professional Development

PMI MTC Director of Professional Development

Annette Blegen PMP, CSM, ITIL-F, LSSGB, was voted into position as the **VP of Educational Development** in May 2015. In this role, she will lead our chapter's educational program, including the yearly professional development day (PDD).

Annette has over 25 years of experience in leadership, project management, and business analysis. She is currently a Team Manager of 50 application development project managers and business analysts at HP.

As an active PMI member since the late 1990's, Annette has held multiple leadership roles, such as VP of Administration, Director of Volunteers, and lead the Election committee for the past few years.

We look forward to Annette's leadership. Please **contact** her to discuss your professional development needs.

Director of Special Events

Sara Roberson has recently accepted the position of **Director of Special Events**. In this role, she will be coordinating networking and other special events to create other opportunities for connecting.

SPOTLIGHT: Education

PMI's 2015 Project of the Year

It's that time of the year when PMI presents the winner of the annual Project of the Year. Three finalists have been selected and the winner will be named in October. Amongst a large number of applications, these projects have been selected because they showcased how to solve business challenges, align with critical strategies, and create long term benefit for stakeholders and customers. In addition, these projects demonstrate PMI principles and best practices to deliver projects on time, on budget and in scope. Check out PMI's YouTube channel for more information of the Projects of the Year and more information from PMI.

You can also visit the PMI website <http://www.pmi.org/Learning/PM-Network/2015/award-finalists-exceed-expectations.aspx> for project information about the 3 finalists.

Interpreting the PDU language

This is the first part of a two-part series on PDU processes Demystified.

Obtaining the PMP certification is a "project" in itself. Then, maintaining your credentials become the operations and maintenance part of your certification. The PMP certificate is valid only for three years. Afterwards, you need 60 PDUs every 3-year cycle. To maintain it, you have to report 60 PDUs to the PMI by the end of every third year. Otherwise, your certificate might be suspended or even worse, it may expire.

The next newsletter will incorporate step by step instructions for translating the PDU reporting process.

Coming soon... Ability for Members to See Their Registrations and PDU Certificates via the chapter website.

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 PDD

2016 MTC Professional Development Day - 8 PDUs

Safety in Cyber Space – How to Identify Risk and Act

September 26, 2016

More details to be provided in the upcoming months...