



Project Management Institute
Michigan Thumb Chapter

Supporting Members Through Education and Training

MICHIGAN THUMB CHAPTER

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Mission Statement:

The Michigan Thumb Chapter of the Project Management Institute provides a forum to promote the principles of the Project Management Institute. This is achieved through networking with other professionals, sharing project experiences, providing and receiving training, and supporting project managers in their certification efforts.

Website: <http://www.pmi-thumbchapter.org>

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Project-Management-Institute-Michigan-Thumb>

Welcome to the 2012 version of *The Thumbprint*.

Please forward all ideas, articles and suggestions to:
John Jerome

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For 2013:

The Thumbprint will be published Quarterly.

Match the name with the PMI Chapter Position	
Jim Donovan	President
Helen Myers	VP – Finance
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Never Stop Learning

Never Stop Earning PDU's

The Michigan Thumb Area Chapter of PMI is proud to offer the following 2012-2013 training opportunities for those preparing for the exam and for PMPs looking for recertification PDUs. All classes are on SATURDAYS.

COURSE SCHEDULE (Academic Year 2012-2013):

COURSES:	DATES:	TIME:	PLACE:	COST:			Sign Up
				(Chap Mem)	(PMI Mem)	(Non-Mem)	
Effective Project Communication**		8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$175	\$200	\$300	Register
The Basics of Project Management***		8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$225	\$250	\$350	Register
Advanced Project Management***		8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$225	\$250	\$350	Register
PMP Exam Preparation		8:00 AM to 1:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$175	\$200	\$300	Register
Building a Résumé That Works!*	Jan 19, 2013	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$ 85	\$125	\$200	Register
Interviewing Techniques for Job Seekers!*	Feb 9, 2013	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$ 85	\$125	\$200	Register
Scheduling with MS Project*	Mar 9, 2013	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$ 85	\$125	\$200	Register
Networking Tactics to get the Job!*	Mar 23, 2013	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$ 85	\$125	\$200	Register
The Basics of Project Management***	Apr 20 and Apr 27, 2013	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$225	\$250	\$350	Register
Advanced Project Management***	May 11 and May 18, 2013	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$225	\$250	\$350	Register
PMP Exam Preparation	Jun 1 and Jun 8, 2013	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$175	\$200	\$300	Register
Scope and Requirement Engineering**	Jul 20, 2013	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ITT Tech, Swartz Cr	\$175	\$200	\$300	Register

The Chapter may provide coffee in the morning and light refreshments in the afternoon. Lunch will not be provided.

*3½ PDUs

**7 PDUs

***14 PDUs

SEATING IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!

For more information, please contact:

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Michigan Thumb Chapter
***Professional Development Day
(PDD)***

"The Psychology of Project Management"

Was a Huge Success

Well, the surveys have been reviewed and the email responses tallied. All feedback we've received provides proof for something we already knew... our PMI-MTC Professional Development Day 2012 "The Psychology of Project Management" was a huge success! I would like to thank everyone involved with making it happen! Without our quality volunteers, we couldn't produce an event like this.

Our Chapter's annual premier event has steadily grown in attendance over the past three years and we are looking forward to continuing that growth with next year's event. The PMI-MTC is proud to be able to offer events such as this with opportunities to learn and to network with other project managers and professionals from around the area.

We are already thinking about 2013! If you would like to be a part of building next year's Professional Development Day by volunteering your time and talents, we would certainly enjoy working with you! Please contact me directly.

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New Look for the Michigan Thumb Chapter (MTC) Website

www.pmi-thumbchapter.org

Last summer it became apparent that the existing MTC website was outdated and had become increasingly difficult to maintain. After exploring multiple options the board decided to contract with a company, named Proteon Software, whose sole market is supporting PMI Chapter Website portals. Proteon is now supporting over 100 chapters throughout the world, and growing rapidly. We therefore see this company as a good fit for our website needs.

Over the last few months the MTC team of Rick Crawshaw, Dave Verbeek, Gary Schiefer, and I have worked with Proteon to tune the website in preparation for a December 3, 2012, go-live. Proteon moved the content to a new production website and guided the team in decision making. The ability to leverage how other PMI chapters were utilizing the system was helpful. It has been an interesting process, and many thanks to Rick, Dave and Gary for taking time out of their busy schedule to assist.

With the updated website environment there are also additional exciting features:

- The website will now have a direct interface to PMI.org for MTC membership information
- o Ability to login to the website with your PMI Login and PMI Member number. There is no longer a need to remember two logins.
- o Updating your PMI.org profile will automatically update the MTC membership records. This will ensure you do not miss any MTC communications.
- There have been changes in how to view and register for events.
 - o First, there are new methods to see upcoming classes and chapter meetings. Events for this chapter year will now be available. These can be seen by clicking on Events at the top of the web page.
 - i. Calendar of Events - Month at a glance
 - ii. Future Events - Listing of the upcoming events both classes and chapter meetings.
 - iii. Left Navigation Menu - Lists the next 4 upcoming events.
 - o The steps for event registration has changed
 - i. Login prior to the event and the registration form will populate based on your PMI membership profile. Use your PMI.org Login and Password to login. How easy is that!
 - ii. Registration occurs entirely in the website - no need to enter anything in Eventbrite. Eventbrite will no longer be used resulting in a cost savings to the MTC chapter.
 - iii. Registration for the chapter meeting webinar can now be performed at the same website location as the dinner meeting. Webinar access information will now go out to anyone registering for the chapter meeting. If you are unable to participate at the Bavarian Inn, there is the option to join and participate via WebEx.
 - iv. The payment option will still use PayPal - no change there.

Please visit the site next week and get acquainted.

In the event that any issues are encountered as the website matures, please contact Diane Schiefer at vpwebmaster@pmi-thumbchapter.org with comments, suggestions or questions.

Thank You!

Diane Schiefer Director IT

For the IT geeks out there:

The Proteon portal is based on Joomla 1.5. They intend to upgrade to release 2.5 during early 2013. Joomla is an open source Content Manager and is used by large numbers of websites. Since we had been previously using Joomla 1.0, many new features were available which saved enormous amounts of effort by not requiring a rebuild of our existing environment.

Thumb Chapter Leadership

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As of Nov. 2012

Started with 136: 4 renewals, 5 new, 3 non renewals, with balance:138