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## Upcoming Dinner Events:

**PMI Thumb Chapter  
January Dinner Meeting  
Jan 13, 2016**

**PMI Thumb Chapter  
March Dinner Meeting  
Mar 9, 2016**

**PMI Thumb Chapter May  
Dinner Meeting  
May 11, 2016**

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## The Thumbprint - Quarterly

Welcome to the first edition of the Thumbprint newsletter for 2016! 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 - 01/13/2016

**TOPIC: Diversity in the Workplace**

**SPEAKER: Dr. Mamie T. Thorns (SVSU)**

**ABSTRACT:** Join us to learn more about diversity and its importance within the workplace.

[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

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to start this year with a renewed sense of dedication to the project management profession.

On December 1, 2015, the **Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR)** program was updated to place more emphasis on the employer-demanded skills outlined in the PMI Talent Triangle. This will ensure that you are equipped to remain relevant in a continually changing business environment.

The CCR program is designed to help project managers grow and develop with the profession. As the global business environment and project management evolves, the program must adapt to provide development of new employer-desired skills.

Employers need project practitioners with leadership and business intelligence skills to support the long-range strategic objectives that contribute to the bottom line. The ideal skill set - the **PMI Talent Triangle** - is a combination of technical, leadership, and strategic and business management expertise.

## Social Media

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!

You can also Like us on Facebook!!

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## Get Online PDUs:

**Not a member? Receive communications on upcoming events by subscribing here...**

Code: 

The overall framework of the CCR program remains the same. You will continue to earn PDUs in the categories of Education and Giving Back. However, PDU's in those categories are classified differently, such as:

**Education:** 60% of PDUs are now required in this category to place more emphasis on developing employer-demanded skills. Education PDUs are aligned with the PMI Talent Triangle. A minimum number of PDUs must be earned in Technical Project Management, Leadership, and Strategic and Business Management categories.

**Giving Back:** The maximum number of PDUs to be earned in this category has decreased. Activities remain the same - Volunteering, Creating Knowledge, and working as a Professional. The total number of PDUs to be earned in Working as a Professional has decreased.

Remember that you must start reporting PDUs according to the new format as of December 1, 2015. Learn more at [PMI.org](http://PMI.org).

**HEY MEMBERS!!!**

Don't miss our next dinner meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2016!!! **Registration is still open.**

We will feature **Dr. Mamie T. Thorns** from Saginaw Valley University. As Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, Dr. Thorns is responsible for providing the leadership and coordination of SVSU's programs related to diversity, equal opportunity, and affirmative action. She serves as primary advisor to the President and campus community on matters related to maintaining and enhancing a diverse campus environment. She will be speaking to us about diversity in the workplace. Please plan on joining us in Frankenmuth!

It's good to be back for another wonderful year with the Thumb Chapter! Think about becoming involved with your Chapter. Without your support, there will be no Chapter. Please **contact** me with any questions, concerns, or just to let me know how we can serve you better.

## Happy Anniversary to Us!!!

We are pleased to announce that our humble PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter is turning 20 years old in 2016. Currently, the board is planning a special event to celebrate this achievement. More information and announcements will be made as we finalize planning... We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

## Upcoming events

### PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting - 03/09/2016

**TOPIC: Social Media**

**SPEAKERS: Jeff DeHaven**

**ABSTRACT:** Jeff was one of our keynote speakers at the **2015 PDD** back in September and will be bringing another new spin on Social Media for us.

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

**Registration:** View details and register online for the **PMI Thumb Chapter March Dinner Meeting (03-09-2016)**

## SPOTLIGHT: Professional Development

## Welcome NEW Board Members!

**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.

**Prudy Risch** has recently accepted the position of **Director of Logistics**. In this role, she will be setting up location/menu for all of our chapter functions.

**Kevin Steele** has recently accepted the position of **Director of Newsletter**. In this role, he will be coordinating, editing, and publishing the quarterly Thumbprint Newsletter (this publication).

We are hoping to have everyone's bio updated on the website shortly.

## SPOTLIGHT: Education

### PMI Professional Awards

The **2016 PMI Professional Awards Call for Nominations** opened on November 1, 2015. The awards program honors organizations and individuals for outstanding contributions to the project management profession. You can nominate a person, program or project for one or more awards. Nominees may work in any field, including business, government, non-profit, academia, research, consulting or training. Each award may have different criteria, so please check out the PMI Professional Awards page on [PMI.org](http://PMI.org). Some awards have cash prizes and recognition at regional and national events.

Is there someone from the PMI Thumb Chapter that you want to nominate? Contact the Director of Education, [Najla Mamou](#), for more information or assistance.

### PMI's 2015 Project of the Year Results

The 2015 Recipients of the PMI Project of the Year Award are:

**WINNER - El Segundo Coke Drum Reliability Project**, El Segundo, California, USA

Submitted by: Chevron

**FINALIST - Oregon Transportation Investment Act III State Bridge Delivery Program (OTIA)**, Oregon, USA

Submitted by: Oregon Transportation, HDR, Inc. and Fluor

**FINALIST - River Corridor Base Scope Project**, Richland, Washington, USA

Submitted by: Washington Closure Hanford, LLC

"PMI congratulates El Segundo Refinery Coke Drum Reliability Project on winning this year's award," said PMI President and CEO Mark A. Langley. "The team was able to complete the installation under budget and ahead of schedule by applying sound project and risk management principles to overcome the myriad logistical and safety challenges, while minimizing the impact to the local community." To read more about the project, see the article from Business Wire News.

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20151012005515/en/Chevron%E2%80%99s-El-Segundo-Refinery-Coke-Drum-Reliability>

The PMI Project of the Year Award recognizes the large and complex project that best delivers:

- Superior performance of project management practices
- Superior organizational results
- Positive impacts on society

## Interpreting the PDU language

**Coming Soon...** Part Two of Interpreting the PDU language will be included in the next newsletter (*refer to Doug's message above*).

**Coming Soon...** Members will soon be able to see their registrations and PDU Certificates via the chapter website.

## Things You May Have Missed

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### Past Meetings

**Oct 14, 2015:** Managing Quality Through Significant Growth Cycles, with Cass Ferris from Morley of Saginaw. Cass gave an excellent overview of how Morley has been able to shift and grow its business over the years. Handling a large employee growth rate in a very short amount of time, growing from around 400 employees to over 2000+ in the last 10 years.

**Nov 11, 2015:** How can we make this work? Apply Project Management Techniques to your Volunteer Work, with Ann Skinner MPA, PMP from Ally. Ann walked us through how she was able to use her talents and expertise to give back to her community and a worthy cause.

## 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...*