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Stay Connected with our Chapter on 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

The Thumbprint - Quarterly, Q3

Welcome to the early Fall highlights of the Thumbprint newsletter for 2016! This issue is full of how we spent our summer. Let us know your feedback – we hope to see you at a Chapter dinner meeting.

Join us for the PMI Thumb Chapter Dinner Meeting – October 12th, 2016

Event: Community of Flint recovery efforts

SPEAKER: Emily Doerr, Program Manager, Community Economic Development Center

ABSTRACT:TBD

Meeting Location:Flint Farmers Market - Ramsdell Room, 300 East St, Flint, MI 48502

Registration:View more details and register online.

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Message from the President - Doug Kiracofe

Well, the 2016 Professional Development Day was a huge success and we feel this was the best and most significant programs we've ever presented! Seeing as how we are all connected these days to the Web in some way – social media, Internet businesses, smart phones, etc. – it is not hard to imagine that there are many opportunities for the “bad guys” to get at us. A lot of people are aware of viruses and malware that continually attempt to infect our devices, but a lot of folks are not aware of the more subtle attacks from cleverly disguised hackers that seek to take or destroy our data. This is one of many topics discussed at the PDD this year.

You may not have received this newsletter in time to join us. Hopefully, you'll take some time to browse our website and find the presentations we were able to upload. If you are at all concerned about safety in cyberspace, you don't want to miss out on this valuable information!

Your Chapter is hard at work for the communities in which we serve. Ed Turley is leading the “Adopt-A-Highway” program which successfully kicked off last July. The next opportunity to volunteer for this effort will be on a Saturday in April 2017. We will be out at 9:00 AM cleaning the I-475 highway between Hill Road and I-75 in Genesee County. It will take about 4 hours and there was discussion about a luncheon afterward at the local Appleby's. I encourage you to consider this opportunity to help your Chapter and the community. It's a great way for teenagers to earn community service credits for scouts, church, and school-related programs. If you missed the October cleanup, we look forward to seeing you at the next one in April.

Jim Donovan and Dave VerBeek represented the Chapter at this year's North American LIM in San Diego, California. Dave was asked by PMI to discuss the Chapter's value proposition to its members in a breakout session during the meeting. Our Chapter was nominated in 2016 for “Chapter of the Year” honors, and although we did not win the award, we are still recognized by PMI as a small chapter with high member satisfaction.

The next Chapter dinner meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 12, 2016 beginning at 6:00 PM. It will be held in Flint this month. Details will be sent in a future broadcast email for the event. There are

have any suggestions!

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no dinner meetings scheduled in November or December this year.

Thanks to everyone who made this year's 20th Anniversary celebration at the Dow Diamond in Midland a great success! A special thanks goes to Sara Roberson who organized the event! Here's looking forward to another wonderful 20 years!

As always, Chapter members, please consider taking on a leadership role in your Chapter. PMI volunteer leaders are committed individuals who spend much of their personal time on professional activities, giving back to their profession while also developing skills to advance their own careers. Team leadership, effective communication, and the ability to coach and mentor—these are just some of the valuable skills that PMI volunteer leaders can bring to our organization. Good leadership helps make project teams work together more effectively and therefore get better project results, both at work and for your Chapter!

Thank you to all who are helping to keep the PMI-Michigan Thumb Area Chapter a vital part of the community! If you have an idea as to how we can be of service, or how to help us grow, please let us know. We welcome your comments!

Upcoming events

PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting – October 12th, 2016

TOPIC: Community of Flint recovery efforts

SPEAKER: Emily Doerr, Program Manager, Community Economic Development Center

ABSTRACT: Come and see!

MEETING LOCATION: Flint Farmers Market - Ramsdell Room, 300 East St, Flint, MI 48502 [MAP](#)

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SPOTLIGHT: Volunteer-Adopt A Highway



Thanks to Ed, our first couple of clean up days (July 16th & Oct 1st) were both great successes! However, we still have our work cut out for us as the next clean up day will be scheduled in the mid-

April to early May timeframe. For those of you that may not remember, our chapter is responsible for the 1.74 mile stretch of the I-475 highway, from I-75 to Hill Rd. We are responsible for keeping that area clean for at least the next two-years, and as such we will be looking for volunteers on a Saturday near the end of April. We need a minimum of 3 people over the age of 12 but as April will most likely have the most to pick up looking for 8-12. As we get closer to the event more details will come out and if you would like to volunteer you would contact [Ed Turley](#) (Director of Volunteers). If you cannot make it out in April we will have more opportunities in April, July and Oct next year as well.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Open Board Position

We are currently seeking someone to fill the open Director of Technology position. As the Director of Technology you would be responsible for updating and maintaining the chapter's website and ensuring the chapter's equipment was set up and/or available for the chapter meetings and any other chapter sponsored events. Our past Director of Technology (Stephanie Hawkins) is open to further questions about the position.

SPOTLIGHT: Education

Upcoming Class

This December our chapter will be hosting a training class on Advanced Project Management for 7 PDUs. This course will assist students in preparing for the PMP certification exam by providing a deeper dive into all concepts of project management as described in the knowledge areas of the PMBOK® (the Project Management Body of Knowledge). The course will cover team building, control planning, risk management, and project variance and examines project initiation, executing, controlling, and closure as they relate to advanced studies. Along with exercises designed to challenge students in the utilization of these knowledge areas. You can contact [Najla Mamou](#) (Director of Education) for more details or you can go to our website in the [Continuing Education](#) section to register. While you're there you can also look at the many other opportunities we have to offer.

Things You May Have Missed

Past Meetings

Aug 14, 2016: PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter's 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Great Lakes Loons game. For those of you that were unable to make it out to the Dow Diamond, you missed a great game with the Loons winning the day with a 3-0 victory against the Lake County Captains out of Eastlake, Ohio. We had good food, great weather, and an excellent time. Many thanks to Sara Roberson (Director of Special Events) for making this all possible.

Sep 26, 2016: This years PDD on "Cyber Security: How to Identify Risk & Act" was a huge success!! A great time was had by all and we all learned a great deal from the Cyber Security experts. If you were unable to make it out, but still want to know more, you're in luck. On our chapter website we have many of the presentations posted if you would still like to review them; just click the [link](#).

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