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## The Thumbprint - Quarterly, Q4

Welcome to the last Thumbprint newsletter for 2016! This issue is full of how we spent our 2016 and some of the exciting things we're planning for 2017. Let us know your feedback – we hope to see you at one of the many upcoming Chapter dinner meetings soon.

### Join us for the PMI Thumb Chapter Dinner Meeting – January 11th, 2016

**Event:** Transforming to Agile: How To Be Agile While Trying To Go Agile

**SPEAKER:** Jay Davidson, PwC

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

**Registration:** View more details and register online.

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## Message from the President - Doug Kiracofe

Hello everyone and Happy New year 2017! We are looking forward to an exciting year and things are already starting to happen. Many of you may have seen this previously, but on December 14, 2016 President Barack Obama signed the "Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act of 2015 (PMIAA)" into law which will enhance accountability and best practices in project and program management throughout the federal government.

This new law will improve United States federal government project and program management by:

- Creating a formal job series and career path for program and project managers.
- Developing a standards-based model for program and project management.
- Designating a senior executive responsible for project and program management policy and strategy.
- Leveraging an interagency council on program management to share best practices.

According to PMI research, only 64 percent of government strategic initiatives ever meet their goals and business intent — and government entities waste \$101 million for every \$1 billion spent on project and programs. The reforms outlined in the PMIAA align with PMI member input that indicates organizations who invest in program management talent and standards improve outcomes, accountability and efficiency. The passage of PMIAA into law illustrates an acknowledgement of the value of project and program management by the United States government, and therefore lays an important groundwork as PMI continues to advocate for the profession in governments around the world.

## 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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I, along with several other chapter presidents across the country, wrote to our elected officials urging them to adopt this important legislation and I am sure good things will come from it.

### 2017 Planning will be Underway SOON!

Our 2017 Strategic Planning session will be conducted in February this year and we intend to address issues facing the Chapter such as membership, meetings, and PDU opportunities among other things. Last year was a busy year with our 20th Anniversary celebration and outstanding professional development day. On top of this we had interesting and informative speakers for our dinner meetings most of whom spoke about projects they conducted and the project management techniques they employed to make them successful. We feel instead of only hearing about PM techniques, it is also beneficial to see them in action.

Another thing we are looking into is hosting the 2018 PMI Region 4 meeting. Jim Donovan is leading this effort to research and determine if this is a feasible option (which we think it is since we've done it before) and if so, where should we conduct it. This would be a great opportunity for the Chapter to shine and also to promote our slice of Michigan to the rest of the region. There will be more information coming on this throughout the year.

As always, thank you to our members! We look forward to this new year and in guiding the Chapter to greater achievements! If you have any ideas 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 – February 8, 2017

**TOPIC:** Same Day ACH

**SPEAKER:** Adrian Brown, The Payments Authority

**ABSTRACT:** Come and see!

**MEETING LOCATION:** Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant, 713 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**Registration:** View more details and register online.

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### PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting – March 8, 2017

**TOPIC:** Frankenmuth Fishway "A Dam Project"

**SPEAKER:** Sheila Stamiris, City of Frankenmuth

**ABSTRACT:** Concerns of a failing dam and interest in keeping the Cass River profile as is to keep commercial boating operational and property shorelines without cat tails, the City of Frankenmuth worked through federal and government bureaucracies to find the best solution to meet its economic needs and to realize an environmental benefit for the region. After 13 years of analysis, review, fundraising, negotiating and networking, the Frankenmuth Fishway project was completed in 2015, effectively removed the liability of the existing dam and facilitating the development of eco-tourism, enhancing the City's base industry. The Fishway Project removed the dam as a barrier to critical Saginaw Bay fish varieties like walleye and provided access to more than 72 miles of historically significant spawning area.

**MEETING LOCATION:** Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant, 713 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

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## SPOTLIGHT: Volunteer-Adopt A Highway



Over this winter the trash and debris is piling up along our stretch of I-475 (the 1.74 mile stretch south of Hill Rd to I-75). We had great successes for our first couple of clean up days in July & Oct 2016. 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. We are responsible for keeping that area clean for at least the next year and a half, and as such we will be looking for volunteers on a Saturday, April 22nd and could really use your help. MDOT has warned us that the April clean-up day tends to require more effort due to the length of time since Oct & the wintery weather trapping more of the trash. 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 on July 15th and Oct 23rd this year and in April again next year too.

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

### Open Board Positions

We currently have two open Board positions and are seeking volunteers to fill them. You must be a member of the PMI Michigan Thumb chapter to volunteer for one.

**Director of Technology** - 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.

**Director of Education** - as a Director of Education, you would be the main contact to match the requestor with an instructor in order to conduct any of our 'on demand' classes. This role is to bring Project Management education classes / opportunities to our membership, not

necessarily conduct the classes (unless we cannot find an instructor).

Enhance the profession of project management, reap the benefits of expanding connections, and leverage career advancement opportunities all while volunteering with PMI-MTC. Build your professional network by forging lasting relationships with thousands of other PMI volunteers and professionals within our local area and worldwide. Develop and sharpen vital new skills, including leadership, collaboration and team-building techniques. Leverage opportunities to develop your personal leadership skills while making a difference in your profession, community, and life. The time commitment varies but PDUs can be earned.

## Things You May Have Missed

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### Past Meetings

**Oct 12, 2016:** Not only did our chapter welcome Emily Doerr, from the City of Flint Community and Economic Development, but we also held our Dinner Meeting at Flint the Farmers Market. Emily is also the Founder of Hostel Detroit and she presented her story on how/why she founded Hostel Detroit and some of the lessons learned during that process. She also gave us insight on how she is managing some of the Housing Rehab and Development programs to help revitalize the City of Flint. By holding our Dinner Meeting in Flint we were able to get participation from other Chapter members that may be unable to make it to our Frankenmuth meetings. In all, it was a great Dinner Meeting!

**Dec 12, 2016:** The training class on Advanced Project Management originally scheduled for 12/12, had to be cancelled due to weather concerns. The class will be rescheduled for a later date and further communications will be sent out once the date/locations have been finalized.

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