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**Upcoming Chapter Events:**

**February:** No Meeting

**March 13th - Trends**

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**Connect With Us :**

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 or LinkedIn!!



Tuesday, 15 January 2019

# The Thumbprint - Quarterly

**2019 Quarter 1**

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## Message from the President - Anita Kenworthy

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*Greetings from your President!*

Happy New Year! Welcome to Winter 2019!

The Board is getting ready to begin our annual Strategic Planning for the upcoming (August 2019 to May 2020). We met on January 19<sup>th</sup> to begin planning interesting the annual Professional Development Day. If you have any topics or ideas that w your fellow Project Managers/Program Managers, please do feel free to contact an Board.

With Winter season now in full swing in Michigan, you will notice that we do not ha February meeting. We had made this decision based on previous Michigan winter February that would be hazardous driving conditions.

Do let us know of Topics, Ideas, Fun things that promote fellowship within our proje Project / Program Management.

Enjoy the Wintertime in Michigan,

Anita Kenworthy, PMP

PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter - President

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## Upcoming Events

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**February:** As mentioned in our President's Message, there will be **no m** due to typical February weather related concerns.

## [Join us for the PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting - 03/13/2017](#)

**TOPIC: Project Management Trends and Perceptions in Today's Job Market  
Making Yourself More Marketable**

**PDU:** 1 - Technical

**SPEAKER:** Andrew Tidwell , TEKsystems

### **ABSTRACT:**

Whether looking for a new job or having an openness to growth opportunities will share trends he is seeing in the market place and provide tips to help you yourself more marketable to recruiters. Having the right experience, certification being able to showcase it correctly can provide more options and career growth opportunities.

### **BIOGRAPHY:**

Andrew Tidwell is an MBA graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. He has spent the past 3 years recruiting for TEKsystems, the largest IT staffing agency in the nation. Andrew has specialized in placing Project Management professionals in new opportunities throughout Michigan.



TEKsystems is the largest IT staffing agency in the nation with over 100 offices in the United States. In 2017, TEKsystems helped more than 80,000 individuals acquire a new job. In Michigan, TEKsystems has offices in Detroit, Grand Rapids, LaSalle. Sister company staffing agency Aerotek, has nearby offices in Midland and

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

**Dinner and Presentation:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Speaker Presentation begin at 7:00

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## **Things You May Have Missed**

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### **November Meeting - Mind Mapping**

Guest speaker, Kim Cordes, was full of excitement as she shared mind mapping concepts. If you missed out on her presentation, you missed out on increasing your creativity! She challenged, those in attendance, to expand creativity that may have been lost for years!

You can visit [Kim Cordes Website](#) to learn more about her services and check her resources section, which offers great reading & learning material, to help navigate with this new way of thinking.

### **January Meeting- Digital Transformation at Dow**

Ted Sajbel, CIO Center of Excellence Director at Dow, livened up the room energy and sharing knowing for the future Human Centered Design technique. The delivery of his presentation, engaged the crowd and welcomed feedback throughout.

#### ***Guest Pass***

If you are reading this newsletter and not a member of the PMI Thumb Chapter, you can use a guest pass to join the chapter through the remaining time you have as a member. Check out the [website for more details](#) or contact VP of Membership, [Verbeek](#).

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## **SPOTLIGHT**

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### **Volunteering**

#### ***Adopt-A-Highway***

Adopt A Highway dates are not solidified by our Director of Volunteers yet, announced shortly via email communication & website details. Keep an eye out for an opportunity to gain PDU's and mostly importantly, help keep Michigan Highways clean and attractive.

Clean up dates are set by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as a statewide effort. This spring highway clean up is to be completed between April 15 and May 21st.

If you'd like more information about the Adopt-A-Highway program, you can visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,or> contact Director of Volunteers, [Ed Tur](#)

The Thumb Chapter is responsible for a 1.74 mile stretch of I-475 south of I-75. Ages over 12 can participate, and the Chapter needs 8-12 volunteers to complete the project in a few hours.

This is a great opportunity for PDU's and for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours required to graduate.

### ***Open Board Positions***

In May, we'll be looking to fill (3) seats on the board. President Elect, VP of Administration and VP of Professional Development. If you have any interest like to nominate a member, please begin contemplating the right candidate for these seats.

### ***Share Your Success and Knowledge***

Did you know by sharing your knowledge or experiences this could be considered Giving Back opportunities for PDU credits?

If you would like to write a topic for the newsletter or share a project success story, write up your story, and send to [Director of Newsletter, Sheila Johnson](#) see about adding it to the next publication!

### ***Chapter Discussion Topics***

Strategies are underway for the chapter, as the Board met on January 19th to move ahead to the next year!

Beginning in September 2019 through May 2020, speaker engagements are in progress, but we'd love to hear what MEMBERS want to See, Hear or Do! If you have an idea email the board ([board@pmi-thumbchapter.org](mailto:board@pmi-thumbchapter.org))! We'd love to hear from you!

### **2019 Resolutions - Starting PDU's Early**

Resolutions aren't meant to be procrastinated! If you haven't earned any PDUs, enter them into the PMI website, do not wait! As you know, there is a requirement of 60 PDU's to maintain PMP Certification. You have worked hard but waiting until the last minute can be a dangerous stepping ground. Make it a New Year Resolution to begin working on this right now!

This edition of the Newsletter has shown several ways to earn the necessary PDUs in the next few months. Remember, by attending chapter meetings, PDD's, volunteering with the Adopt-A-Highway, participating on the board, writing articles and sharing your knowledge are all great ways to earn PDU's and become involved with the Chapter.

If your certification ends this year, be sure to start planning, set the goal to complete 60 PDUs per week or each month! Here is a mind mapping review of areas PMI requires for the holder to renew. Here is a little "Mind Mapping" to help see areas of opportunity.

**60 PDUs / 3-year cycle for:**  
PMP, PgMP, PfMP, PMI-PBA



**Education**

(Required)

**Minimum of 35 PDUs**

A minimum of 8 PDUs for each skill.

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Technical

8



Leadership

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Strategic &  
Business Mgmt



**Giving Back**

(Optional)

**Maximum of 25 PDUs**

A maximum of 8 PDU  
"Working as a Professional"

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Working as a  
Professional

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Volunteering  
Creating Knowledge