

Monday, 02 September 2013

## Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy September!! Hope you all had a wonderful summer – hard to believe the fall is rapidly approaching and we are all gearing up for chapter meetings, the Professional Development Day, the Alzheimer’s Walk, our third networking event and other many great opportunities to get involved, learn and grow.

The Pittsburgh Board and chapter members have been very busy over the last several months. Matt Craig and I attended the PMI region 4 meeting in Traverse City, Michigan in July and shared/learned many ideas and best practices to try and implement over the next few months. I’m happy to report that the Pittsburgh chapter will be hosting this event in the summer of 2015! This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful Chapter and the Pittsburgh region. Details will be forthcoming as we get closer and begin planning in earnest. Please know that there will be lots of opportunities to volunteer – with the planning of the weekend event as well as during the event itself. We will also be looking for ideas for themes, speakers, and events (usually a Friday evening reception and a Saturday night dinner for attendees.) Families of Region 4 leaders may attend as well, so we’ll be looking for ideas for family friendly events that show off Pittsburgh.

Another great thing to celebrate – our Volunteers! We had a wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on August 8 at the Pittsburgh Steak Company. It was a great event and a terrific opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have worked with us over the last year. You “guys” ROCK! Thank you one and all for helping to make this Chapter what it is today, and to Rob Hall and his team for organizing another great appreciation dinner!



But wait – there’s still more to celebrate! I’m also happy to report that the Pittsburgh Chapter is the recipient of 2 national PMI awards this year! We have been awarded the 2013 PMI® Chapter Award for Member Services in Category III and Samuel Provil, PMP of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter will receive a 2013 PMI® Chapter Award for Volunteer of the Year! The awards will be presented at the PMI Leadership Institute in October. This is a tremendous honor for our Chapter, and for Sam, and all that we have been able to accomplish over the last year! Congratulations to us!!!!!!!

The Board and I are very excited about the many offerings we have for you for the rest of 2013. Please see the information provided in our newsletter and throughout our website to learn about upcoming Chapter events, Chapter meetings, Outreach opportunities and LIGs. And please join our LinkedIn site if you haven’t already done so – it’s a great way to stay connected. We are also going to roll out podcasts, webcasts and other ways to connect with you, our members and soon to be members! It’s an exciting time to be part of the Pittsburgh Chapter!

As you can see from our newsletter and our website, there is a lot going on.....Hope to see you at a future event!

Susan

Susan Keaney President, Pittsburgh PMI

## **Meetings**

### **2013 September Chapter Presentation**

**When:** Thursday, September 12, 2013, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Topic:** Five Keys to Optimizing Project Potential: Lessons from the Baldrige Winners

**Presented by:** Bob Stearns, CEO of Powerful Potential

**Location:** ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

[Register here](#)

Why is it so difficult, yet so important for Project Management Professionals to align their Projects with their company's strategy? The importance of creating this alignment is easy to understand: without it the project goals simply won't get attention from other senior managers and therefore won't get accomplished.

Our speaker is Bob Stearns, the Architect of Pittsburgh based Medrad's initial Baldrige Award journey. Under Bob's leadership, Medrad won the Baldrige Award in 2003. They won it again in 2010. He will share the 5 Key Strategies that Project Management Professionals in Baldrige Winning companies execute which allow their companies to outperform the stock market by 4 to 1! These five strategies will enable you to optimize your personal and organization potential.

The Five Key Baldrige Strategies you will learn to implement are:

- Hardwire BHA Goals: This is at the foundation of your success, without this your project is doomed before it starts.
- Unleash Customer Loyalty: Understanding who your customers are and getting them to keep coming back for more.
- Cultivate an agile project team: How to fully engage your Project Team.
- Apply the 85% Rule: Learn how to save \$50M or more by improving Key Work Processes.
- Inspire Accountability and an Owner's Mentality: How to overcome the most destructive shortcoming in most organizations today.

**Bio:** BOB STEARNS is one of only 95 people in history to lead an organization to win the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige Award, leading Medrad to win it in 2003. The Baldrige Award is presented annually by the President of the United States.

Bob founded Powerful Potential 28 years ago. He works with clients in five areas:

- Leadership Development
- Strategic Planning
- Customer Loyalty
- Employee Engagement
- Process Improvement

Bob's has written a book about his Baldrige journey titled "Perhaps a Man Can Change the Stars". He is a sought after International Speaker, having spoken in eight countries. He just launched a Nationwide Speaking Tour to share the messages from his book. Bob

will be speaking in 20 cities around the country during 2013 and 2014. Bob has served as a Director on the Boards for five companies.

Powerful Potential: Bob Stearns, CEO (724) 933-3935

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[www.extraordinaryperformance.com](http://www.extraordinaryperformance.com)

## Engineering LIG Presentation

**When:** Thursday, September 12, 2013, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting

**Topic:** Maximizing Project Management Value in order to Drive Business Success

**Presented by:** Leon Tate

**Location:** ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Presentation Abstract:** The maximum potential value that project managers may bring to their respective organizations is often unrealized. Project managers possessing strong business acumen, delivering value through leadership and execution, serving as change agents, driving ownership, and facilitating open communication will help themselves, their teams, and the organization they serve realize success. This also requires that the organizations we serve as project professionals enables us to deliver in a productive manner. This presentation will demonstrate tools and techniques for enhancing the value of the project leader, how to develop the organizational thrust required to enable required changes, and how to develop the project team to realize greater business gains.

**Speakers Bio:** Leon Tate has served roles as team engineer, lead and chief engineer, engineering manager, and project and program manager throughout his career. Leon has served in the aerospace, medical, industrial equipment, and consumer electronics industries over the span of his career principally in a project management role. Leon's focus has been specifically in the field of new product development, process development, and PMO construction in each of these industries. Leon also has served as an adjunct instructor at DeVry University and Keller Graduate School of Management teaching courses in business management, mathematics, leadership and organizational behavior, and project management. Leon holds a BSME from Brooklyn Polytechnic University, and both MBA and Masters of Program Management degrees from Keller Graduate School of Management.

## Healthcare LIG Meeting

**When:** Thursday, September 12, 2013, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting

**Topic:** Disruption is a Good Thing. Introducing the new Disruptive Health Technology Institute at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Presented by:** Ms. Lynn Brusco

**Location:** ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Speaker Bio:** Ms. Lynn Brusco is the Executive Director of the Disruptive Health Technology Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. She has twenty-three years of experience, grounded in her expertise in leadership, technology commercialization, investor relations, marketing, strategic plan implementation and operations. Over the past 13 years, Lynn has been recognized for her accomplishments in business development and talent attraction on behalf of the regional technology and life sciences communities. Prior to her current position, she was the Director of the Accelerator Fund LLC and also the Vice President and Chief Relationship Officer at the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse. In addition, Lynn is the founding Board member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Women in Bio, a non-profit organization to support and recognize and emerging women leaders in the biosciences industry of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. Currently, Lynn is also an instructor at the University of Pittsburgh where she is facilitating the Bench to Bedside course to educate scientists about the commercialization of innovation.

Lynn was recently nominated for the 2013 Athena Award and was named one of the Pittsburgh Business Times 2013 BusinessWomen First award winners. The National Diversity Council named Ms. Brusco one of Pennsylvania's Most Powerful and Influential Women of 2012. She is also a contributor to TEQ Magazine. Ms. Brusco is a graduate of the Coro Center for Civic Leadership's Women in Leadership Program and Leadership Pittsburgh XXIV. Lynn has a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and education from the University of Pittsburgh.

## Training

### Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has many project management educational opportunities! Please check [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org) periodically for more details and to register for these events. (The following training information is subject to change.)

### Professional Development Day for Project Management!

**REGISTER NOW FOR GREAT PM TRAINING! 6 NOVEMBER 2013**

[Click here.](#)

Attendees will experience a variety of presentations in a single day around the central theme of Successful Project **Execution!**

Proven techniques will help your projects' success and thus your project management career!

7 PDUs 6 November 2013 Location: 850 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066, <http://www.therla.org/>

This PDD will include the following:

- Theme: Successful Project Execution!
- Keynote speaker
- Educational sessions supporting the theme
- Networking with other project managers
- Food provided
- Information from sponsors

Speakers will include the following:

- Rick Clare, OCP, PMP, CBAP
  - o From PMCentersUSA
  - o Topic: Top 10 Execution Mistakes
- Dana Levenson, Performance Consultant/Professional Speaker
  - o From Dale Carnegie® Training
  - o Topic: Executing with Impact (Communication)
- Dr. Barbara Schwarck, PCC
  - o From Clear Intentions International
  - o Topic: How to get along with difficult people
- Ron Taylor, MBA, PMP
  - o From the Ron Taylor Group
  - o Topic: Five Leadership Tips for Project Execution

Standard Price: \$329

Pittsburgh PMI Member Discount! \$30

Early Bird Discount! Before 23 September: \$50

Late Fee after 31 October: \$50

For updates please see [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org).

Earn PDU's while learning and volunteering for the Professional Development Day!

Contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) to volunteer.

Register now at [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org).

Sponsors: PMCentersUSA, <http://www.pmcentersusa.com>

## **PMP Preparation Class 2014**

Become a certified PMP!

This is a great class at a great value for your preparation to become a PMP!

Mark your calendars – the PMP Preparation Class is planned to be held on five consecutive Saturdays in 2014 starting mid-February.

Each day is planned to run from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM with lunch and other snacks & beverages provided.

35 PDUs will be awarded!

This course includes a text book, study guide, online resources, practice exams, instructor support, and more!

Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) with any questions.

Interested in being an instructor for future PMP review class? Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org)

## **PMP/CAPM Certification Study Groups**

Complement PMP certification training with our live and online study group. This is a self-organized study group enabled by the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter.

Being “self-organized” we are looking for participant and facilitators for our succession plan. Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) to be a leader or to participate.

PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions. Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org).

## **PMI Communities of Practice (COPs)**

Please check [www.PMI.org](http://www.PMI.org) for information on many PMI Communities of Practice.

## **Future Project Management Training in 2013**

Please reply to [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) with suggestions for additional training offered by our Pittsburgh PMI Chapter for 2013.

## **Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information**

In addition to training information being posted on [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org), information is often posted at the following social media locations. More may come in the future.

- LinkedIn Group: Pittsburgh PMI
- Facebook: Project Management Institute-Pittsburgh Chapter

- Twitter: @Fred\_Koos

Two other useful Twitter people to follow are below.

- Twitter for our the IT LIG: @Pgh\_PMI\_IT\_LIG
- Twitter for PMI: @PMInstitute

Enjoy!

## Outreach

### Corporate Outreach

#### **The PMI Pittsburgh Project Management Company of the Year Award**

The Project Management Company of the Year award is given annually to the Pittsburgh area company that best demonstrates a commitment to the practice and furthering of Project Management as a profession. Its purpose is to recognize those companies that promote Project Management as a profession so they continue to do so and become attractive to the best project management employees. Local companies who obtain this level of excellence are leaders in our industry who will contribute to our overall goal of making Pittsburgh a globally recognized “Project Management Center of Excellence”.

All companies with Pittsburgh PMI chapter members are eligible to apply for the award. This needs to be sent to [dir\\_outreach\\_corp@pittsburghpmi.org](mailto:dir_outreach_corp@pittsburghpmi.org) by 11:59 pm on October 31st. Click here for the ["PMCOY Application"](#). Don't be shy, just apply!

### Outreach Events

#### **PMI Corporate Outreach Roundtable Discussion**

**When:** Wednesday, September 25th, 2013, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Topic:** Projects with multiple PMs: Internal Vs External, Functional Vs Technical

**Location:** Del Monte Foods, 375 North Shore Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Come join the PMI corporate outreach committee for another installment of our facilitated discussions. Can you provide any insight into challenges that deal with this situation? Are you in a similar situation and want to learn more from your peers? Want to learn about different types of projects to expand your knowledge base? Come and share your knowledge and experience.

There is nothing to prepare. Earn 1 PDU while sharing project management practices with your colleagues at other Pittsburgh area companies. This is also a great networking event.



Please register at <http://www.pittsburghpmi.org> by September 20th.

For more information on this event, please contact Jason McMann at [Jason.McMann@ADP.com](mailto:Jason.McMann@ADP.com)

## Academic Outreach

### **Save the Date! PMI Monte Carlo night**

**Date:** Saturday, February 22nd, 2014

**Time:** 6pm to 11pm

**Location:** PNC Park, Hall of Fame Club

Please plan on joining your friends for an evening of fun, food, and music. All proceeds benefit the 2014 Duquesne University Intercollegiate Project Management Triathlon (IPMT).

Contact Rob Martin at [rob.martin2009@gmail.com](mailto:rob.martin2009@gmail.com) for more information.

## Professional Outreach

### **PMI Pittsburgh Chapter to Present at the Pittsburgh CIO Forum 2013**

The Pittsburgh PMI Chapter will present an interactive panel discussion on the topic, "Creating the Culture of Strategic Risk Management in a Project Driven World."

**When:** Sept. 10 - 11, 2013.

**Where:** The Pittsburgh CIO Forum & Executive IT Summit at The Regional Learning Alliance at Cranberry Woods

For more information please go to link <http://premiercio.com/pitt13home.htm>.

## Community Outreach

### **2013 Walk to End Alzheimer's**

Join fellow chapter members for the third year as we participate in the Burgh's Walk to End Alzheimer's(tm) on Saturday, October 5th at the North Shore!

**When:** Registration begins as early as 7:00am and the walk starts at 9am. The Pittsburgh PMI team will meet at the designated Heinz Field parking lot location beginning at 8am.

**Where:** Walk starts at Heinz Field (exact lot TBD).

**Cost:** Participation in the ALZ walk is free and everyone is encouraged to raise money to support the cause. Online registration is now available.

We have formed a team for this one mile walk and all chapter members are welcome and encouraged to join! Please contact Jan Hanchak, this year's walk coordinator at [JanMHanchak@eaton.com](mailto:JanMHanchak@eaton.com) or follow the Pittsburgh Walk Page link to learn more. Let's walk together as a team to add value one step at a time! The Pittsburgh Project Management Institute team page is at [PMI Team Page](#). From this page, you can make a donation or click 'Sign Up' and 'Join a Team' to register to walk with us. Last year we raised more than \$2550.00! Let's try to out do ourselves this year!

The Pittsburgh Project Management Institute will have a limited number of T-shirts available to those who sign up to walk. Also, raise \$100 or more and you will receive a T-shirt from the Alzheimer's Association.

For those who would like to participate and cannot join us to walk, you can bring cash to the September chapter meeting for the ALZ 50/50 raffle fundraising event to raise additional money for the Alzheimer's Association. One lucky participant will win 50% of the money raised with the remaining 50% being donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

## **Membership**

### **Thank You to all Volunteers!**

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You!" to all of our volunteers. We truly appreciate your dedication and effort. The volunteers for this past year were celebrated at a Volunteer Recognition Dinner on August 8th at the Pittsburgh Steak Company in the Southside. The dinner attendees enjoyed prime rib, salmon, chicken piccata, pasta primavera, and cheese cake! We had 47 of our volunteers attend the event this year and network with their peer volunteers. We appreciate your gift of time, energy and enthusiastic support. We have many opportunities for all of you to volunteer. Our volunteers keep everything running smoothly. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the VP of Membership. You can have some fun getting to know others, network with other professionals and gain PDUs. We look forward to seeing all of you at next year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner!

### **Your Chapter Needs You!**

Contribute to the Pittsburgh Chapter, increase your professional network and get to know others involved in your profession. PMPs can earn valuable PDU's in addition to making a contribution to the Project Management Profession! Volunteers and Operational Team members earn up to 5 PDUs per year and elected officers earn up to 10 PDUs a Year. Check out the [chapter website](#) for more details.

### **New Chapter Members**

As of August 27, 2013 the chapter has 1,442 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members: [Dean Arzoian](#), [Boris Bajich](#), [Ashley Baptiste](#), [Richard Barker](#), [Jeanne Beaumariage](#), [Judy Bender](#), [Gene Boyer](#), [John Burnette](#), [Allen Butler](#), [Paul Culbertson](#), [Ashleigh Diehl](#), [David Ray Durbin](#), [Joseph Elm](#), [Brian Farley](#), [Evan Farrell](#), [Carl Faub](#), [Brenda Fink](#), [Linda Fink](#), [Scott Focer](#), [Summer Fowler](#), [Michael Gatti](#), [Daniel Grace](#), [Timothy Green](#), [Corey Grone](#), [Lianhong Guo](#), [Christine Hall](#), [Amy Heinl](#), [Maureen Humes](#), [Patrick Kalcevic](#), [Crystal Kleeh](#), [Stefan Levine](#), [Donald Lewis](#), [Sue Ann Lipinski](#), [Keith Lish](#), [Lisa Lockerman](#), [Paul Majetic](#), [Katey Mauro](#), [Angela Mencer](#), [Deepak Murthy](#), [Kenneth Nemit](#), [Tessa Nesbit Arrington](#), [Tim Nichols](#), [William ODonnell](#), [Larry Oleson](#), [William Pangas](#), [Frances Pedaline](#), [Doug Peel](#), [Amy Pukl](#), [Rajinder Puri](#), [Young Qin](#), [Joseph Sallustio](#), [Dean Salvucci](#), [David Saus](#), [Michael Scott](#), [Ilia Semenov](#), [Stephan Sendelbach](#), [Shaila Sonth](#), [Mark Spehar](#), [Bob Steen](#), [Eng Tan](#), [Ryan Uhrin](#), [Claire Van Matre](#), [Rick Wagner](#), [Dale Weisensee](#), [Janet Wilbert](#), [Patricia Wilson](#), [Donald Wilson](#)

## **New Chapter PMPs**

As of August 27, 2013 the chapter has 1,007 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs: [Arnell Abbott](#), [Christopher Arrabito](#), [David Beranek](#), [Christopher Berkey](#), [Joanne Brado](#), [Allen Brown](#), [Attila Csokai](#), [Matthew Demarco](#), [John Doman](#), [Joseph Elm](#), [Charlene Filsaime](#), [Linda Fink](#), [Pratik Gandhi](#), [Jessica Gray](#), [Timothy Green](#), [Wendi Griffiths](#), [Lianhong Guo](#), [Christine Hall](#), [Keith High](#), [Jeffrey Idzajtich](#), [Samuel Jackendoff](#), [Paul Joseph](#), [Matthew Jozwiak](#), [Andrew Kleinschnitz](#), [Jennifer LaMendola](#), [Natasha Lightner](#), [Sue Ann Lipinski](#), [Mike Longwell](#), [David Madl](#), [John Mason](#), [Michele McAteer](#), [Andreas Moldt](#), [Amanda Neely](#), [Brad Nelson](#), [Seth Neustein](#), [Erik Oller](#), [Art Riccadonna](#), [Veronica Runyan](#), [David Saus](#), [Christine Scardina-Gazzo](#), [Laura Schaffner](#), [George Schott](#), [Bela Sharma](#), [Brendan Sherry](#), [Craig Stolar](#), [Judy Upholster](#), [Patricia Wilson](#)

## **Contacts**

Click to view the [Pittsburgh PMI chapter contacts](#).

## **Additional Announcements**

### **Election for the Board of Directors**

Each year at the October Chapter meeting, nominations for position are presented by the Chapter Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is chaired by the Past President who this year is Mike Rapach. Other members are Sara Alacce and Susan Keaney our Chapter President. The results of the election will be presented at the November Chapter meeting.

As stated in Article V of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter Bylaws, the following board positions are designated for the election process this year and will hold the office for years 2014 and 2015:

- VP Finance and Administration
- VP Education and Certification
- VP Membership and Volunteers

#### Position Descriptions

The following are but brief descriptions for each of these positions. Please refer to the Chapter Bylaws on the website.

The VP Finance and Administration shall oversee the management of funds for duly authorized purposes of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. Duties shall include but are not limited to the responsibility for the development, preparation and presentation of an annual financial plan, management of all Chapter financial transactions, establishing and maintaining all information required for Chapter bank accounts and other investments, submitting all required tax related filings on a local, state, and federal level, developing and obtaining approval for an annual operating budget, etc.

The VP Education and Certification shall facilitate education and training opportunities for the advancement of the project management profession. The duties shall include but are not limited to assessing the ongoing educational needs of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter, coordinating and overseeing efforts of volunteers working to: develop and provide seminars, PMP training sessions, et al; acting as a liaison with PMI® for certification information.

VP Membership and Volunteers shall support membership growth and retention of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. The duties include but are not limited to the responsibility for the development and maintenance of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter membership retention and growth plans, and overseeing the constant volunteer efforts within the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter.

The officers elected to these positions will serve one, 2 year term of office beginning January 1, 2014.

Chapter member interested in being nominated for one of the above positions, and believes their experience satisfies the prerequisites described in Article VI of the Chapter Bylaws, should send an email to Mike Rapach @ [mike@rapach.com](mailto:mike@rapach.com). Your email should include your Bio, a recent 2x2 inch photograph, and your qualifications for the position.

Timeline for the nomination/election process

- September 30: .Dead line for chapter members to email the Nominating committee declaring their interest for a particular position. Please include your Bio, 2x2 inch photograph, and qualification for the position.
- October: The nominating committee will post their selections on the website, in the newsletter in October, and present the candidates at the October chapter meeting. Posted information will include the candidates' name, bio and photograph.
- October through November: The electronic ballot will appear midnight Thursday, October 10, 2013 and be available through midnight Sunday, November 3, 2013.
- November: The successful candidates will be announced at the annual Membership meeting on November 14, 2013.