

Wednesday, 02 October

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy October! Hard to believe that the fall is here already!

We have lots of great events and opportunities coming up this month and in the months to come. Don't forget our chapter meeting on October 10.... Another great speaker/topic and another great way to meet and network with your peers and colleagues. Sign up today!

Don't forget about our upcoming PDD in November. Fred and his team are pulling together a spectacular event, filled with opportunities to grow professionally, network and expand your PM skill set. See the details on our website and sign up today!

And we will be participating in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on Saturday, October 5. Join us as we raise money to help stop this nasty disease, have a little fun and hopefully enjoy a beautiful fall day in the 'Burgh!

There's much more going on in October and November at your PMI chapter. Please check out the website for details and to register/get involved.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event!

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Susan Keaney
President

Meetings

2013 October Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, October 10, 2013, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Topic: It Takes 4 To Tango

Presented by: Candy Whirley

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

[Register here](#)

Synopsis: Candy Whirley specializes in breaking down barriers so that people will learn to deal with change quickly, improve communication, and become more creative. Participants will come away with the knowledge and skills they need to build and maintain better, more productive project teams, as well as a sense of purpose and direction. They will gain the confidence to approach obstacles in new and creative ways.

Objectives:

Confidence - what does your self-talk say about you? Learn how you may be sabotaging your message.

Communication -words, pitch, body language OH MY! Learn what you are saying, how you are saying it and why your project teams are not listening.

Creativity is a must with project management and teamwork-learn 3 ways to wake up your creative genius. Candy will share her interactive secrets to get your team to generate ideas and problem solve like never before!

Change the attitude-People are not difficult, they are just different...learn their TANGO! This part of the session makes the Myers Briggs and DISC tests...fun! Learn about yourself and your team members!

Speaker's Bio: Candy Whirley, MM: Dynamic speaker dedicated to sharing over 20 years of her expertise.

Experience: Industries including: training, retail, customer service restaurant, entertainment, former NFL Cheerleader, management and owner of International and national speaking company.

Expertise: Break down barriers so that people will work better together and interactive presentations from team building to leadership.

Education: Graduated Cum Laude from Missouri Western State College with a B.S. Degree in Speech Communications, with a Human Relations Emphasis, and earned her Master's in Management from the University of Phoenix.

Author: 3) Books, 3) DVD's and 3) audio CD's (will be available after presentation)

Engineering LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, October 10, 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 enable 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.

Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has many project management educational opportunities! Please check 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:

- **Harlan Bridges**
 - From: BOT International
 - Topic: Project Leadership, Are you ready?
- **Kevin Cameron, PMP**
 - From: Cameron Professional Management, LLC, President and CEO
 - Topic: 10 Keys to Project Execution
- **Rick Clare, OCP, PMP, CBAP**
 - From: PMCentersUSA
 - Topic: Top 10 Execution Mistakes
- **Dana Levenson, Performance Consultant/Professional Speaker**
 - From: Dale Carnegie® Training
 - Topic: Executing with Impact (Communication)
- **Dr. Barbara Schwarck, PCC**
 - From: Clear Intentions International
 - Topic: How to get along with difficult people
- **Ron Taylor, MBA, PMP**
 - From: the Ron Taylor Group
 - Topic: Five Leadership Tips for Project Execution
- **Phillip Tiewater**
 - From: Academy Leadership
 - Topic: Communication for Project Success

Standard Price: \$329

Pittsburgh PMI Member Discount! \$30 (remember to login first for this discount)

Avoid the \$50 Late Fee. Register before 31 October.

For updates please see www.PittsburghPMI.org.

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

Contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org to volunteer.

[Register here](#) on the Pittsburgh PMI website.

Sponsors:

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



Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, 2/20/14.

The Lambert Consulting Group is holding a workshop on Stakeholder Management in Pittsburgh on February 20, 2014.

Save the date. Additional information will be posted in upcoming newsletters and on www.PittsburghPMI.org.

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 February 22nd.

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!

We recommend to read and apply processes of the PMBOK® Guide now in preparation for your PMP exam.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org with any questions.

Interested in being an instructor for future PMP review class? Please contact 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 to be a leader or to participate.

PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions. Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org.

Future Project Management Training in 2013

Please reply to 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, 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

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 by 11:59 pm on October 31st. Click here for the "[PMCOY Application](#)". Don't be shy, just apply!

Outreach Events

Bowl and Network!

Registration ends on 10/16/13.

Date: Saturday, October 19 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: FunFest - 2525 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, Pa 15238 (near the Harmar exit on Route 28)

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, October 19 for fun and friendly bowling and an opportunity to network with fellow PMI Pittsburgh members. Your price is just \$15.75, which includes a guaranteed bowling lane, shoes, pizza, and unlimited soft drinks. Spouses and children are also welcome at \$15.75 per person (Choose group registration on the website).

Price: Register by 10/16/13 for \$15.75 (Includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and unlimited soft drinks)/\$5.75 non bowlers (Includes 4 slices of pizza and unlimited soft drinks). Payment is required as you enter the facility, but you must register in advance.

[Register Here](#)

Contact: Jason McMann at Jason.McMann@ADP.com or Paul Halenda at dir_outreach_events@pittsburghpmi.org for any questions.

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 for more information.

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 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

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.

Carl Pritchard Scholarship

This year for the first time the Chapter offers a \$500 Scholarship for participating in Chapter events like PDD or the Prep class.

Now it is the last chance to apply to the Carl Pritchard Scholarship, to cover the PMI Pittsburgh PDD (Nov. 6th) participation fee, as the deadline for the application is October 6.

The scholarship is open to:

- College and University Students - Students at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels who are studying project management and related fields
- Educators - Primary and secondary school teachers and administrators who wish to implement project-based learning in the classroom

- Non Profits - Employees of non-profits and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who wish to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their operations
- Professionals - Project management practitioners, who wish to improve their professional capabilities

If you would like to learn more about the scholarship and the application please [click here](#) or contact Isabelle Zacharias at PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org

Membership

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 September 26, 2013 the chapter has 1,435 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members: [Mary Boyadzhiev](#), [Melanie Connell](#), [Michael Donohoe](#), [Sara Dwyer](#), [Jeffrey Ewing](#), [Jacob Frederick](#), [Thomas Gilboy](#), [Cindy Griffiths](#), [Derek Holden](#), [David Howe](#), [Balu Kallavi](#), [Lori Killmeyer](#), [Curt Matthews](#), [Lisa Olesinski](#), [Janeen Osselborn](#), [John Perkun](#), [Reza Sadeghian](#), [Lauren Schmitt](#), [Michelle Smith](#), [Julie Strobel-Kaldorf](#), [Jacqueline Thacik](#), [Manoj Verma](#), [Jennifer Warner](#)

New Chapter PMPs

As of September 26, 2013 the chapter has 996 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs: [Tim Nichols](#), [Erik Rueter](#)

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. 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.