

Sunday, 05 January 2014

## Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy New Year and welcome to your Pittsburgh chapter of the Project Management Institute in 2014. We belong to a unique organization composed of professional individuals with talent, passion, and skill. My mission is to work with you to increase the value of our chapter for us as members, and our organizations. We have a strong and vibrant community in the Pittsburgh region, and I look forward to serving you.

To kick-off the year, we will be hosting our January chapter meeting next Thursday the 9th, to be followed by our semi-annual strategic planning session the morning of January 11th. I will look for your feedback at our chapter meeting, so please offer your suggestions on how we can make this community even more successful.

I also look forward to welcoming you to our inaugural gala event at the PNC Park Hall of Fame Club in February. This will be a night to share. Come and celebrate with us, enjoy the live band, a great meal, and an evening of games and dancing. Please register via the Pittsburgh PMI website.

Finally, thank you to the tireless work of our volunteers who have truly made this a wonderful organization. In particular, thank you Susan Keaney, our new “Past President”, for your leadership of the board, your contributions to our members, and congratulations on your success with the PMI Leadership Master’s Class last year.

I look forward to the guidance and support from our entire leadership team as I take on this new role. We are going to have a great year together!

Kind Regards,

Matt Craig Chapter President, PMI Pittsburgh

## Meetings

### 2014 January Chapter Presentation

**When:** Thursday, January 9, 2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Topic:** Motivating the “What’s In It for Me” Workforce, Engaging All Employees and the Multigenerational Team

**Presented by** Edie Raether, M.S., CSP

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

[Register here](#)

Our workforce is rapidly changing, but is your leadership? The challenge is to effectively manage, motivate and integrate four distinct generations and culturally diverse groups into one high performance work team. To create a culture of commitment from diverse values, expectations, attitudes and needs, a model of intrinsic motivation must be implemented. Your leadership style must transition from a system of control and compliance to autonomy and freedom.

What You Will Learn:

- Implement the ChangeGrid: Motivate, monitor, measure, manage change
- Identify the strengths of diverse thinking styles: Right brain/left brain
- Integrate the psychology of “flow” and challenge to avoid apathy
- Learn why trophies and the “carrot and stick” no longer motivate
- Trigger basic human needs: Autonomy - Mastery - Purpose
- Implement ROWE: Results Only Work Environment

Objectives: Value to Members - You will be able to:

1. Capitalize and harmonize the strengths of diverse thinking styles
2. Implement a system of intrinsic motivation to engage all employees
3. Explain how managing levels of tension eliminates entitlement, motivates change, and transforms apathy into optimal performance
4. Increase productivity: Develop a culture of constant creativity and learning

**Activities:** The Change Grid: Each participant will experience the power and process of this dynamic change management tool that predicts performance. Based on interviews and your input, relevant and interactive role playing and work simulation exercises will provide behavioral insights and skill development. Sociodrama, a method of experiential learning, allows participants to physically enact their perceptions and positions on team issues for conflict resolution.

**Bio:** Edie Raether, M.S., CSP, is a Change Strategist; business speaker, corporate trainer and the CEO of her consulting firm for 40 years. As a certified speaking professional and Fortune 50 favorite, Edie has empowered thousands of organizations on five continents. She is also a bestselling author of seven books. [www.raether.com](http://www.raether.com)  
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## Healthcare LIG Presentation

**When:** Thursday, January 9, 2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting

**Topic:** The ‘Consumability’ Challenge in Healthcare: Role of Informatics and Analytics  
**Presented by** Rema Padman

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

**Abstract:** Increasing deployment and usage of electronic health records and availability of vast amounts of patient data in electronic databases are challenging our ability to utilize them effectively at the point of decision making. This talk presents two examples that combine healthcare informatics with large scale data analytics to deliver substantial

cognitively guided information to decision makers for improved care delivery and outcomes.

**Bio:** Rema Padman is Professor of Management Science and Healthcare Informatics in the H. John Heinz III College at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She is also a Thrust Leader of Health Informatics Research at iLab at the Heinz College, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Honorary Professor in the School of Health Sciences at the University of Salford in UK. Professor Padman received B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India, PhD in Operations Research from the University of Texas at Austin and National Library of Medicine Senior Fellowship in Applied Informatics from The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Padman's current research examines healthcare operations & decision support and process modeling & risk analysis, in the context of information technology interventions such as e-health, m-health and chronic disease management. Her research has appeared in many scholarly journals and has been funded by the National Science Foundation, National Library of Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control, among others. She has served on review panels for the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health in the US, and the Medical Research Council in the UK, and advised healthcare informatics projects for organizations such as Jewish Healthcare Foundation, IBM Research, Johnson & Johnson, UPMC, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Deloitte and GlaxoSmithKline.

## Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has quality 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.)*

Information below in the Professional Development section of this newsletter follows:

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- PMP Preparation Class 2014
- Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, 2/20/14.
- PMP/CAPM Certification Study Groups
- Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Groups
- Future Project Management Training in 2014
- Professional Development Days 2013 and 2014
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

### PMP Preparation Class 2014

Become a certified PMP!

[Click here](#) to register or go to [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org) for more information and to register. Look under Professional Development, Training.

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

The PMP Preparation Class will be held on five (5) consecutive Saturdays as follows:

- February 22
- March 1
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22

Each day is planned to run from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM with lunch and other snacks & beverages provided. 35 PDUs will be awarded!

Attendees will receive a text book, study guide, online resources, practice exams, instructor support, and more!

Material is updated per the new Fifth Edition of PMI's A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide).

The location is Ansaldo STS, 1000 Technology Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15219. Thank you Ansaldo STS!

Tuitions follow:

- Tuition: \$1165
- Pittsburgh PMI Member Discount: \$190 (Please login to website to get your discount.)
- Late fee after 11 February 2014: \$75 -- materials may not arrive until the second day of class
- (Pittsburgh PMI members registering before January 1st will only pay \$925. This is a great deal for this PMP Prep Class!)

[Click here to register.](#)

Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) for information on the following:

- Are you interested in being an instructor for a future PMP review class?
- Do you have any questions about attending the 2014 PMP review class?

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## **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.

For details and to register see: <http://www.lambertconsultinggroup.com>

Additional information will be posted on [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org).

Pittsburgh PMI members will receive a discount.

## **PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group**

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.

PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions.

Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) to be a leader, participate or volunteer as a PMP.

## **Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group**

Interest was voiced in the December Chapter Meeting to start an Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) study group. This would be modeled after the PMP Study Group above.

Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) to join this PMI-ACP Self-Organized Study Group.

## **Future Project Management Training in 2014**

We are currently evaluating options for an Agile seminar in 2014.

Please reply to [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) with suggestions for additional training offered by our Pittsburgh PMI Chapter for 2014.

## **Professional Development Days (PDD) 2013 and 2014!**

The second annual Pittsburgh PMI Professional Development Day was sold out with very positive feedback.

For all who attended, you should have received two emails with presentations. Please contact [FredBKoos@IEEE.org](mailto:FredBKoos@IEEE.org) if you did not receive them and if you did attend. Some emails did not seem to reach all participants.

Many people requested additional information about the presentation **Executing Agile for and Beyond IT**. An article contains additional details, including how to frame a kitchen remodeling project with Agile principles. This also references great sources for additional Agile information. The link follows:  
[http://www.pittsburghpmi.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=135&Itemid=221](http://www.pittsburghpmi.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=135&Itemid=221)

PMP attendees of the PDD can claim seven PDUs with the Pittsburgh PMI PDD 2013 Activity Number follows: C030-PDD2013

See [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org), Prof. Development for more details.

Save the date for the 2014 PDD planned for the first Wednesday of each November, including **5 November 2014**.

Sponsor:

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



## **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:

- LinkedIn Group: Pittsburgh PMI
- Facebook: Project Management Institute-Pittsburgh Chapter
- Twitter: @PittsburghPMI (use hashtag #PitPMI for related tweets)

Other useful Twitter handles to follow are below.

- Twitter for our the IT LIG: @Pgh\_PMI\_IT\_LIG
- Twitter for PMI: @PMInstitute
- @Fred\_Koos for tweets related to our events

Enjoy!

## **Outreach**

# Free Chapter Meeting for Students

February 13, 2014

- Meet Potential Employers
- Enjoy fine Dining Downtown
- Network with more than 100 Professionals
- Improve your Team Building skills with our keynote speaker: Jesse Wilson  
“What’s Our Story?” A powerful, engaging, and revolutionary approach to Team Building.

For more information contact Isabelle Zacharias at [PMIEF\\_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org](mailto:PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org).

## Outreach Events

### **Coffee Talks: Training with Caffeine**

You asked...we listened. We are proud to announce a new event outside of the city and in the morning.

Attention early birds, come to the first "Coffee Talk" session. These sessions will focus on communication and interpersonal skills. Of course there will be good, fresh roasted coffee there too! Free coffee and tea will be provided.

**When:** February 12, 2014 at 6:30 AM-7:30 AM.

**Where:** Generoasta coffee shop which is directly East off the I-79 Warrendale Exit.

**Topic:** "How to communicate to engage: in a world of Millennials" with Jackie Rodgers from Dale Carnegie.

To attend this free event and receive 1 PDU, you must register via the PittsburghPMI.org event calendar. Registration ends on February 5th, 2014 and only has 30 seats available.

The next "Coffee Talk" session will be on April 23, 2014 in the South Hills. Please contact Alan Bachmann at [AABachmann@cvtv.com](mailto:AABachmann@cvtv.com) for more information.

### **Lucky Hearts Gala**

Enjoy a night of fun with great people, gourmet food, live music, and casino table games!



**When:** February 22, 2014, begins at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Rivertowne Brewing Hall of Fame Club at PNC Park.

Please see attached flyer for more information.

## Academic Outreach

### 5th Annual Inter-Collegiate Project Management Triathlon



**Date:** March 28-30, 2014

**Time:** Palumbo Donahue School of Business

**Location:** Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Inter-Collegiate Project Management Triathlon (IPMT) is an undergraduate level competition hosted by Duquesne University and is sponsored as well as supported by PMI and the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. This event tests competitors' knowledge of the PMBOK® Guide and their responses to project case-based scenarios.



There are three competitive events where the participants can showcase their project management knowledge: Team Quiz-Bowl: Teams of four students will compete in a Jeopardy-style event. All questions will be based on the PMBOK® Guide and at a difficulty level equivalent to that necessary to achieve the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) designation. (The form of the questions will be fill-in-the-blank or short answer.)

Individual "All-Star" Quiz-Bowl: This is also a Jeopardy-style event, to be played exclusively by individuals, and it will follow a similar format to the Team Quiz-Bowl. Participants will be selected based upon the degree of knowledge s/he has shown in their individual performance in the team event.

Quick Fire Team Challenge: During the competition weekend, teams of four participants will be given a project management scenario and asked to develop and submit three work products. Teams will be evaluated on how well the team performs developing the work products. The same teams that participate in the Quiz Bowls will participate in the Quick Fire Challenge.

In between competitive events, participation in team building activities, which require physical and mental dexterity, is encouraged. These activities are designed to provide competitors an opportunity to relax and have fun.

Educational institutions are limited to entering two (2) teams to participate in the IPMT Competitive Events. Universities that have participated in previous IPMT competition include:

- Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA
- Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
- New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ
- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

For more information or to register visit [www.duq.edu/pm-triathlon](http://www.duq.edu/pm-triathlon)

## **Global Outreach**

**We need your help with PMIEF (PMI Educational Foundation) and Global Outreach.**

The PMIEF and Global Outreach team is looking for volunteers for the following positions:

### **PMIEF School Liaison:**

Develop a partnership with school districts from Greater Pittsburgh Area to fulfill their needs concerning the promotion of 21st century skills.

Inform schools about the opportunities of scholarship for teachers, curriculum availability or any other support PMIEF or the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter could offer to promote 21st century values to the students.

2 to 3 hours /month – 1PDU per hour

### **Chapter of the Year Application Project Manager:**

The PMI Global Chapter Awards recognizes PMI Chapters and Communities of Practice that have demonstrated unparalleled dedication and contributions to the project management profession.

**This year PMI Global recognized the Pittsburgh Chapter for its great achievements with the 2013 Members Service Award!** The Members Service Award recognizes the Professional Development opportunities and services that a Chapter offers to its members.

Next year the Chapter has decided to go for the Chapter of the Year Award! We need a Project Manager to lead the application process, define the goals, assemble the team, and gather all the information from the team.

The Project Manager defines and tracks project scope, goals, schedule, budgets, and execution strategies in collaboration with project stakeholders.

1 to 2 hours /week from March to April – 1PDU per hour

If you are interested, please contact Isabelle Zacharias at [PMIEF\\_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org](mailto: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 December 31, 2013 the chapter has 1381 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

[Zenia Ayrton](#), [Lauren Barrish](#), [Brian Behan](#), [Timothy Belardi](#), [Miguel Beshalske](#), [Thomas Boettler](#), [Hazel Brewer](#), [Drew Church](#), [Sarah Chverchko](#), [Stephen Crary](#), [Mark Cunliffe](#), [Mark DiCicco](#), [Charles Donina](#), [Andrew Edris](#), [Daniel Finn](#), [Jason Hartz](#), [Thomas Hebda](#), [Senthil Jagadeesan](#), [Nicole Joschak](#), [Jennifer Maurer](#), [Robert McCall](#), [Wendy McDonald](#),

Kevin McNulty, Roger Nichols, James Reader, Karen Anne Riley, Anthony Scoccimerra, Stephanie Simons, Jason Smith, Courtney Snyder Biancucci, Jamie Tezbir, Larry Ward

## **New Chapter PMPs**

As of December 31, 2013 the chapter has 973 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs:

Andrew Fouse, Corey Grone, Wendy McDonald, Kevin McNulty, Tim OConnor, William ODonnell, Rajinder Puri

## **Contacts**

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