



Wednesday, 05 March

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

### [Pittsburgh PMI – Welcome to Spring](#)

It may not feel like it, with snow on the ground and freezing temperatures, but Spring is upon us. Time for new beginnings, growth, and fresh ideas. What have you been thinking about over Winter, that you haven't yet put into action? This is the time to do it!

Our PMP Prep class is going strong, thanks to Fred and the members of the Education team. We have over 40 people preparing to become professionally certified Project Managers, and this will be a memorable milestone in their career journey.

We are also preparing to award and congratulate our PMI Pittsburgh "Project Management Company of the Year". Please join us for the chapter meeting on March 13th, to hear about how this organization applied best-practices in project management to stand out from their peers. Join us early at 5pm, to also hear about a Healthcare project success, from Sigi Loya of the Hormone Center.

As you come to our chapter meetings, please introduce yourself to our volunteers on the board and let us know your thoughts about the chapter. If you're unable to attend for any reason, and would like to share your feedback with us, please contact me or any other board member.

A warm welcome to you if you just joined our chapter this month. We have over 30 new members, and continue to grow in numbers and in value provided. Also congratulations to our 7 new credential holders. Finally, thank you very much to our many volunteers who bring the chapter together and make all our events, training, meetings, networking, and other opportunities available to all of us.

Kind Regards,

Matt

Meetings

March Chapter Presentation

**When:** Thursday, March 13, 2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Topic:** Project Management Best Practices

**Presented by:** The 2013 Winner of the PMI Pittsburgh "Project Management Company of the Year"

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

[Register here](#)

**Abstract:** 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". This award was established by the PMI Pittsburgh chapter in 2012 will be presented at this month's chapter meeting. Join us to learn about the project conducted to determine the winner of this honorable distinction, followed by a presentation by the award winning company on their best practices in project management!

#### Healthcare LIG Presentation

**When:** Thursday, March 13, 2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting

**Topic:** Starting your own Healthcare Startup

**Presented by:** Sigi Loya

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

Sigi Loya is president of The Hormone Center, a niche medical practice with a unique business model. The non-insurance based practice launched at the beginning of the recession and after various revenue model changes, has achieved rapid growth. The core value of The Hormone Center is to help patients not adequately served by the traditional medical community. By combining traditional medicine with a holistic approach, many believe the model represents a harbinger of the future of medicine in the world of The Affordable Care Act.

Sigi is originally from Brownsville, TX and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He spent the first twelve years of his career in corporate America as an employee benefits consultant. He has been involved in three startup companies. He is married to Lauren Loya, M.D., has three children and lives in Squirrel Hill.

#### 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:

- PMP Preparation Class 2014
- Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, tentatively May 2014
- Planning Agile Course, Tentatively May 2014
- 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

The 2014 Pittsburgh PMI, PMP Prep Class is underway. The class is doing a great job of working through the updated PMBOK® Guide, 5th Edition.

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

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Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop.

The Lambert Consulting Group is planning a workshop on Stakeholder Management in Pittsburgh to tentatively be in May 2014.

Lee always gives great seminars! As a result of his extensive contributions, he was awarded PMI Fellow status in 2009!

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

For a PMI discount use code word "PMI".

Planning Agile Course, Tentatively May 2014

Pittsburgh PMI is planning another world-class Agile course. Valuable methodologies and tools will be covered to enhance your performance as a project manager. This will also be a step towards being a PMI Agile Certified Practitioner.

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters and at [www.PittsburghPMI.org](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org).

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) join this PMI-ACP Self-Organized Study Group.

Future Project Management Training 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) 2014!

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

2013 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

Outreach Events

### **Lessons Learned Roundtable Discussion**

Four times a year, the Outreach Committee looks to provide Project Managers with shared knowledge of past experiences from other Project Managers. Our program is called the Lessons Learned Round Table discussions. These quarterly meetings are scheduled at various locations throughout the Pittsburgh area. Our meetings are designed to allow those in attendance to share their insight on their own past experiences on various projects.

**When:** Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Topic:** Lesson Learned Tools and Techniques across industries

**Location:** Westinghouse Electric Company, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

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.

Register by March 14th, there are a limited number of seats so please register today! A driver's license is required to enter the building and all non-US Citizen Attendees are required to bring their passport and fill out Westinghouse's Non-US citizen access form (available on the PittsburghPMI.org website).

For more information on this event, please contact Greg Polens at [gpolens@gmail.com](mailto:gpolens@gmail.com).

### **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 a "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.

The next "Coffee Talk" session will be on in the South Hills.

**When:** April 23, 2014 at 6:30 AM-7:30 AM.

**Where:** TBD

**Topic:** TBD

To attend this free event and receive 1 PDU, you must register via the PittsburghPMI.org event calendar. Seats are limited so register early!

Please contact Alan Bachmann at [AABachmann@cvty.com](mailto:AABachmann@cvty.com) for more information.

### **Networking Mixer: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!**

**Date:** Saturday, May 10th Time: 4:30 PM

**Price:** \$25 per person

**Location:** PNC Park - 115 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

<http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com>

Join us to see the Pittsburgh Pirates, take on the St. Louis Cardinals, at beautiful PNC Park. Your price is just \$25, which includes a game ticket in the PMI Pittsburgh block (Grandstand, Section 307).

Spouses and children are also encouraged to join at \$25 per person.

This is more than just a game. We will begin tailgating at 4:30 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and refreshments will be provided by PMI for every person. So come Hungry!

This is also an excellent opportunity, to network and have fun with fellow PMI Pittsburgh members.

Program Details:

- Arrive at 4:30 PM
- Tailgate begins at 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM (Lot across the street from Allegheny Center Parking Garage)

- Tickets will be handed out at the Tailgate.
  - If not attending the Tailgate, your tickets will be at the Will Call Window (beside Home Plate), at 6:30pm.
- First Pitch at 7:05 PM
- Zambelli Fireworks will immediately follow the game!

Register now, seats are limited! (Registration will close on March 26th - No walk-ins can be accommodated.)

No refunds or exchanges will be made.

Contact: Jason McMann, PMP @ [Jason.McMann@ADP.com](mailto:Jason.McMann@ADP.com) for any questions.

Academic Outreach

### **Volunteers Needed**

#### **Geneva College:**

PMI Pittsburgh Academic Outreach is seeking Chapter volunteers to speak on information within a PMBOK knowledge area at a 2:00 p.m. Project Management Class at Geneva College located in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

At this time, there is one (1) class in March and two (2) classes in April 2014 that speakers are needed, including:

- Thursday, March 6 – Project Cost Management
- Tuesday, April 15 - Project Quality, Human Resources, Communications, or Risk Management (speaker's choice)
- Tuesday, April 29 - Project Procurement or Stakeholder Management (speaker's choice)

There are seventeen (17) students who attend the Class and presentations should be planned for 1 to 1.5 hour, including Q&A's. The sponsoring Professor for this Class is Gordon Richards, PhD. I recently presented Project Time Management to Professor Richards' students and they were highly interactive. It was truly an enjoyable experience.

Of course, PMP Certified speakers are preferred. And, all presentations qualify for PDU's under Category D: Creating New Project Management Knowledge. In addition, you'll have fun doing it.

Please contact Sam Provil, PMP, Director, Academic Outreach at [sprovil@provilassociates.com](mailto:sprovil@provilassociates.com) to sign up or for more information.

#### **Duquesne University:**

PMI Pittsburgh Academic Outreach is also seeking Chapter volunteers to speak at Duquesne University's Project Management Association (PMA) student meetings on March 11 and April 8.

The Duquesne PMA meetings are scheduled from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. in Rockwell Hall on Duquesne University's downtown campus. The meeting agenda includes the first 10 minutes PMA group updates, 30 minutes presentation, and then 20 minutes for Q&A. The PMA would like the speakers to focus on project management experiences and lessons learned to help the students understand how their class material applies to the real world of project management. The students are already familiar with the basic knowledge of project management.

Please contact Joe Ralyea, PMP, Duquesne University - Academic Outreach Advisor at [joe.ralyea@pnc.com](mailto:joe.ralyea@pnc.com) to sign up or for more information.

## Professional Outreach

PMI Pittsburgh Chapter volunteers recently presented a panel discussion to the RMU Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM). The RMU students were treated to a peek into the business world and project management as our PMI volunteers shared their experience.

### **Volunteers Needed**

PMI Pittsburgh Professional Outreach is seeking Chapter volunteers to serve as Relationship Managers for the Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) and Engineers Without Borders (EWB) organizations at the University of Pittsburgh. The Relationship Manager maintains contact with the organization and helps coordinate volunteer speakers on PM topics when requested.

For more information, please contact Anne Monroe at [annemonroe44410@gmail.com](mailto:annemonroe44410@gmail.com).

## 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 February 27, 2014 the chapter has 1,449 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

[Matthew Bost](#), [Linda Colwes](#), [Dawn DiCicco](#), [Keith Ehmann](#), [Brian Evanchak](#), [Eric Feigel](#), [Marlon Ferguson](#), [Jason Franks](#), [Guorong Huang](#), [Nithin Zaa Joseph](#), [Carol Kacinko](#), [Andrew Karns](#), [Amelia Koehler](#), [Josh Koscinski](#), [Heather Kulbacki](#), [Michelle Long](#), [Mohammed Mandozi Gulam](#), [Mary McKenna](#), [Kenneth Mowl](#), [Heather Moyer](#), [Fidele Niyonzigira](#), [Lauren OBrien](#), [Steven Pettler](#), [Fabiana Pimenta](#), [Srinivas Ramagiri](#), [Stanley Reinike](#), [William Rigney](#), [Steve Saksa](#), [Cheryl Sebbenics](#), [Patrick Seiferth](#), [Lauren Shaffer](#), [Tom Soforic](#), [Barbara Szczesna](#), [Gina Walters](#), [Mengting Wang](#), [Randy Widmaier](#)

#### New Chapter PMPs

As of February 27, 2014 the chapter has 987 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter members receiving credentials:

[Daniel Finn](#), [Thomas Hebda](#), [James Lockard](#), [David Parker](#), [Steven Pettler](#), [Michael Pietropaoli](#), [Gregory Schmitt](#)