

Tuesday, 04 November 2014

Are you Creating Results that Matter?

This month we celebrate our veterans, and consider their sacrifices to create a difference in the world. At our upcoming chapter meeting on the 13th, Tim Bidlack will share lessons and principles of leadership, based on his service as a Field Artillery Officer in the US Army. Please see our Community Outreach section of the newsletter, and consider contributing to our Veteran's Place initiative.

With the end of year rapidly approaching, I hope you are able gather your accomplishments and reflect on your leadership to create results that matter. This is the essence of project management, beyond scope, schedule, and other technical considerations of our craft and profession. Delivering great results is at the heart of your success, including results for your team members. Keep the [talent triangle](#) in mind, and make sure you're applying business context, leadership, and project management skills to your delivery of valuable outcomes.

Congratulations to Fred Koos (one of our veterans), Valerie Carpenter, and the volunteers who pulled together another great – and sold-out – Professional Development Day for our chapter (Nov 5th). Welcome to our new members and congratulations to those who have attained a PMI certification, and I look forward to seeing you at our special Veterans themed chapter meeting.

Kind Regards,

Matt Craig
President, Pittsburgh PMI Chapter



Meetings

Timeless principles of leadership

When: Thursday, November 13, 2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Presented by: Tim Bidlack, PMP

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

[Register here](#)

Abstract: In keeping with the November chapter meeting theme of honoring Veterans, Tim Bidlack will discuss the timeless principles of leadership learned in the world's premier leadership factory...the US Army. These principles applied can improve the ability of project managers to build teams and lead their projects to deliver value. Tim uses profiles in leadership and examples to amplify the principles and how to apply them.

Speaker Bio: Tim is the Managing Director of the Client Technology Solutions, Business Management Office for BNY Mellon and is a veteran of the US Army. In this role, he is responsible for the PMO, Portfolio and Resource Management, Business Intelligence for IT, Service Intelligence, Performance and Value Management, Financial Transparency and the Transformation program. Tim is a Pittsburgh native and member of the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter.

Healthcare Local Interest Group (LIG)

The Healthcare LIG is having its November meeting by hosting Robert Sheelsy, Enterprise Architect for Mylan labs on November 13 at 5:00 pm. The Healthcare Local Interest Group meetings are free to the public, do not require registration and are worth 1 PDU. Non PMI members are also welcome to attend. We would love for people to stay for the dinner and keynote speaker but they are separate events; if you are staying please register for that event.

You do not have to be employed in the healthcare industry to attend and all are welcome. The Healthcare LIG meets September, November, January, March and May at 5pm previous to the meeting. We do post PDF's of the presentations on the website. We have had many wonderful speakers in the past, for example Lynn Banaszak Brusco of the Disruptive Health Technology Institute of CMU; Don Taylor of the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse; and Nandan Banerjee CEO of Cogent Infotech. Our schedule of Speakers for the rest of the year is Sigi Loya of the Hormone Institute in January; Tim Spang, Director of Operations for Haemonetics in March, and a return of Lynn Brusco in May. Our goal is to provide information, insight and networking opportunities to our members.

No Accidental Love Triangle: Enterprise Architecture, Portfolio Management and Project Management

When: Healthcare LIG, Thursday, November 13, 2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting

Presented by: Robert Sheesley, Certified Business Architect, MBA

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

Abstract: The disciplines of Enterprise Architecture, Portfolio Management and Project Management have competing needs and complimentary benefits in organizations that

promote collaboration and transparency in pursuit of measurable value. We'll take a look at the dynamic, symbiotic and sometimes contentious relationships of these three critical competencies and how they can not only co-exist, but inspire the best in each other for the good of the whole.

Speaker BIO: Robert Sheesley, Certified Business Architect, MBA, is Senior Director, Enterprise Architecture at Mylan, Inc. In this role Robert is responsible for developing, implementing, evolving, and managing the Enterprise Architecture practice for the global IT organization. Robert has over twenty-three years of experience, including Interim CIO and senior leadership roles, business and technology transformation, and delivery of mission-critical technology solutions designed to reduce operating costs, sustain customer loyalty, grow market share, and increase business value. Robert is a United States Marine and Operation Desert Storm Veteran. Further information about Robert can be found on the [chapter website](#).

Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has great 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.)

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

- Professional Development Day for Project Management, 5 November 2014!
- Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group
- PMP Preparation Class 2014
- PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group
- Future Project Management Training in 2014
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

Professional Development Day for Project Management, 2014!

"Driving Organizational Value through Effective Project Management" is this year's theme.

We've had three PDDs and all three have sold out! We plan to continue to get better and bigger for future.

Many volunteers have enabled us to have this great networking event with high quality speakers in a great location and at a great price. Thank you team!

The primary team bringing this PDD to you follows:

- Director: Valerie Carpenter
- Prasad Dabbala
- Joe DiFalco
- Babatunde Fapohunda
- A.T. Santhanam
- Leah Legge
- Anne Monroe
- Julie Nemanic
- Ranijit Panigrahi
- Arijith Roy
- Edward Smith
- Soundar Srinivasan
- Kim Reed (Chapter Treasurer)
- Fred Koos
- Many others have also contributed, thank you all!

For the 200 of us attending, with you we will all make this another great event!

For those not attending, please see the information below as you consider saving the date for the first Wednesday of 2015, and every year.

High quality speakers, great information and attendees make this the largest project management networking event in Pittsburgh!

7 PDUs

5 November 2014

850 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066, <http://www.therla.org/>

This PDD will include the following:

<p>Keynote Speaker: Skip Weisman; President; Weisman Success Resources, Inc. How to be Respected and Heard as a Valuable Partner by Every Stakeholder on Every Project</p>	
<p>Session 1A: Joe Lukas; Vice President, PMCentersUSA <i>How to Create a Correct and Concise Schedule</i></p>	<p>Session 1B: Sam Provil; President & Managing Consultant; Provil & Associates, Inc. <i>Serious Project Time Management – Presented Not Too Seriously</i></p>
<p>Session 2A: Ron Taylor; President; The Ron Taylor Group <i>What the Dog Saw</i></p>	<p>Session 2B: Rick Clare; Director, PMCentersUSA <i>Top 10 Project Disconnects Between Executives and the Trenches</i></p>
Lunch	
Executive Panel Discussion – Effective Project Management, from the Executive's perspective	
<p>Session 3A: Bob Stearns; CEO;</p>	<p>Session 3B: Joe Lukas; Vice President,</p>

Powerful Potential <i>Engaging Shareholders to Support your Projects</i>	PMCentersUSA <i>Improving Stakeholder Relationships using Emotional Intelligence</i>
Session 4A: Harlan Bridges; PMO Setup Practice Lead, BOT International <i>Business Driven Project Management and Project Strategy</i>	Session 4B: Jennifer Smith; Executive Leadership Coach, Growth Potential Consulting <i>Three Secrets to Getting Projects Done on Time and Within Budget</i>

More information is at www.PittsburghPMI.org under Prof Development.

Agile PMI-ACP Certification Self-Organized Study Group

Our Agile PMI-ACP study group is running and gaining momentum.

We meet on WebEx at times that work for the members.

For information on how to joint this PMI-ACP Self-Organized Study Group or to attend please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.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!

The PMP Preparation Class is planned to be held on five consecutive Saturdays starting in February 2015. Specific dates are TBD. We will announce more information in December.

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

35 project management education hours will be awarded.

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

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

Interested in being an instructor for future PMP review class?

Have questions about attending the PMP review class?

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.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 participants and facilitators for our succession plan.

Sam Jackendoff currently coordinates the sessions. Thanks Sam!

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

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org to be a leader, participate or volunteer as a PMP.

Future Project Management Training in 2014

Please reply to FredBKoos@IEEE.org with suggestions for additional training offered by our Pittsburgh PMI Chapter for 2014 and 2015.

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.

- 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 IT LIG: @Pgh_PMI_IT_LIG
- Twitter for PMI: @PMInstitute
- @Fred_Koos for tweets related to our events

Enjoy!

Outreach

Community Outreach

HALFWAY THERE!

We are half way to our goal of raising \$1000.00 in member donations to Veterans Place of Washington Blvd! Thank you to all of those who have contributed so far to this great

cause.

Additional thanks is deserved for the chapter, as it will match the dollar value of all gifts, up to \$1000.00, to double our support for Veterans in need.

Let's join together to make a big impact for this outstanding organization by visiting the online wish lists at Walmart and Target and purchasing items that support Veterans Place. The items can be shipped direct or brought to the November Chapter meeting:

Target: http://www.target.com/ot/list/KcOYFJI-KRcbRa_SakHO7g

Walmart: <https://www.walmart.com/lists/view-wish-list-items?id=1e1ccc50-531a-4517-8807-bc6474a7eaaa>

Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard, located in the East End Communities of Allegheny County, is a 48-bed transitional housing and safe haven day program for homeless men and women who once served in the U.S. Military.

The Veterans served range in age, ethnicity, gender and military branches. They share one common thread; that holds them as one is the fact that they are experiencing the trials of homelessness and need our help.

At Veterans Place, the mission is to improve the lives of America's homeless military Veterans. They do this through supportive housing and services that empower Veterans for recovery.

Through partnership with Veterans Administration and other community organizations, they work to end homelessness, one Veteran at a time.

Most Veterans arrive with just the clothes on their back. Veterans Place provides them with the day to day necessities of living.

Contact Rob Martin at rob.martin2009@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Corporate Outreach

The PMI 2014 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".

The 2014 application for the Pittsburgh Project Management Company of the Year is

now available!!!

Pittsburgh is leading the way in Project Management and we want to recognize the local companies that contribute to our goal of improving the Project Management profession!

It does not matter the size of your company or the current level of your project management maturity model, we are focused on identifying the company who has placed great focus on advancement and performance improvement of its project management practices over the last year.

This is a chance for your company to showcase its strengths and earn a distinction that attracts experienced project managers and makes you one of the best project management employers!

The deadline has been extended!! You may apply now and up until November 14, 2014 for your company.

Please click the links here to download the [Cover letter](#) and [2014 application](#).

Any questions may be directed to Jim Huber at dir_outreach_corp@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 October 30, 2014 the chapter has 1,478 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

[Sam Arnone](#), [Rita Bowser](#), [Stephen Burdette](#), [Linda Canon](#), [Sivaramakrishnan Chandrasekaran](#), [Sheela Colluray](#), [Todd Conrad](#), [Dennis Crouch](#), [DiVito](#), [Mark Florida](#), [Brandon Gaffey](#), [Karen Hall](#), [Suzanne Heim](#), [Heather Jefferis](#), [Ilya Karasev](#), [Samuel Kessler](#), [Kathleen Kotun](#), [David Kovacic](#), [Kevin Mallon](#), [Joseph Melichar](#), [Carolyn Nelson](#), [Leigh Offord](#), [Eileen Owen](#), [Dana Pletcher](#), [Jason Proch](#), [Justin Roman](#), [Cynthia Sherman-Novak](#), [Teresa Shine](#), [Jeffrey Surgent](#), [Joe Sweet](#), [Kimberly Wolf](#), [Julianne Wolfe](#)

New Chapter Credentials

As of October 30, 2014 the chapter has 1,064 credentials in the membership (PMP®, CAPM®, PMI-RMP®, PMI-ACP®, PGMP®). Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter members that received a new credential:

Mark Brado PMP, Sheela Colluray PMP, Kristy Golebiewski PMP, Paul Joseph PMI-ACP, Joseph Melichar PMP, Hitesh Nanrani PMP, Jennifer Williams PMP

Contacts

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