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## Monthly Dinner Meeting & Forum

Monday, May 11, 2009

Management Education Center (MEC), Troy, MI

### Dinner Meeting

**Title:** [A Lean Six Sigma Primer for Project Managers](#)  
**By:** Michael Roberts  
**Time:** Check-in ~ 6:00pm  
 Dinner ~ 6:30pm  
 Presentation ~ 7:30pm  
**Fees:** \$35 (Member), \$40 (Non-member), \$20 (speaker only)  
**PDU:** 1.5

**Abstract:** TQM, Process Reengineering, Six Sigma, Lean Six Sigma - there seems to be a never ending cycle of quality programs sure to work miracles in improving productivity and quality in the enterprise. Is this just business leadership flavor of the day or is there something more to it? What underlying principles of these programs can be integrated into the project manager's toolkit?

*Michael Roberts* is the Americas' Regional Transformation Leader for EDS, an HP company. He has nearly thirty years experience in the Information Technology domain spanning technical and leadership areas, including project / program management and Lean Six Sigma. 2009 is the tenth anniversary of Michael's PMP certification and he is also a certified Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt.

### Forum

**Title:** [Making the case for AGILE/SCRUM](#)  
**By:** Harish Pathria  
**Time:** 05:30 PM  
**Fees:** Members \$20, Non Members \$25  
**PDU:** 1.0

**Abstract:** Having realized the advantages of AGILE/SCRUM methodology, what approach(es) should we consider to "sell" the concept to the IT/Business management in the organization.

*Harish Pathria* was one of the pioneers in writing the earliest draft of 'Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK)' which has now assumed a stature of a formal body of knowledge for the aspiring Certified Business Analysis Professionals. Harish holds an MBA degree in Operations Research. Besides being a PMP, he is also a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt from ASQ and a Certified ScrumMaster. In his previous career, Harish served in the Indian Army as a paratrooper in Special Forces. He is also a qualified free-faller (skydiver).

For more details on monthly dinner meeting topics, forums and for registration, please visit <http://www.pmiglc.org/PD/dnrMtg.aspx?id=71>

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Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Symposium held at the Best Western Inn, in Sterling Hts. on April 29, 2009, has concluded with great success. There were over 400 people who had attended this year's Symposium.

The event kicked off with Keynote speaker Lisa DiTullio pointing out the opportunities to be found in this difficult economic climate. The day was filled with 12 additional speakers, four poster presenters, and a great lunch. The day ended with Lisa moderating a panel of four from the three diverse industries represented. The panel answered questions from the audience and showed various perspectives on project management, PMO and jobs.

Although the Symposium attendance down slightly this year from other years, Jan Kobak, the Symposium Director felt that the event was a success. Jan noted that "It wouldn't have been a success without the help of nine volunteers who helped with everything from Speakers, Sponsors, Poster Presenters, Panelist to Registration and equipment set up for the presentations." Jan extends "A heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who volunteered their time to make this "flagship event" a success for PMI GLC." visit <http://pmiglc.org/PD/Symposium.aspx>

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New Horizons	Mary Ewing	2 Free 1day PM Course
itSMF	Dr. Deborah Anthony	Borders Gift Card (\$25)

## PMP Exam Prep Classes

This course will prepare the participant to take the PMP exam on the 4th edition of PMBOK sometime after July 1, 2009. There are limited seats.

These classes are being held at :  
 Central Michigan University  
 One Parklane Blvd., Suite 122  
 Dearborn, MI 48126



Date & Timings:  
 Tuesday, Jun. 09, 2009 - Thursday, Jul. 16, 2009  
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**REGISTRATION/MORE INFO**



**Recruiters & Job Seekers**

PMIGLC has recently launched a job board to serve project management community. Hiring managers can post jobs on this self serving job site and job seekers can search the jobs posted.

PMIGLC Affiliates include - The Association for Operations Management - Detroit Chapter, The Engineering Society of Detroit, and The itSMF Great Lakes Local Interest Group.

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