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Note - A draft version of newsletter was distributed earlier today to many of our members by mistake, please accept our apologies. Here is updated version.

Upcoming Events:

1. [Dinner Meeting and Forum](#) : 09/14
2. [Free! Member Orientation / Networking Event](#) : 09/17
3. [Seminars for Project Management Professionals](#) : 09/10
4. [Menlo Software Factory Visit](#) : 10/07
5. [PMP Review Course](#) : 10/17

Monthly Dinner Meeting & Forum

Monday, September 14, 2009
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Dinner Meeting

Title: [Learning Lessons on Lessons Learned](#)

By: Dr. Loran Walker
Time: Check-in ~ 6:00PM
Dinner ~ 6:30 PM
Presentation ~ 7:30 PM

Fees: \$35 (Member), \$40 (Non-member), \$20 (speaker only)

PDU: 1.5

Abstract: It has been said that "Lessons Learned" is one of the most important and "value added" aspects of the Project Management life-cycle. However, it has been reported that it is often the most ignored part of finishing a project [<read more online>](#)

Forum

Title: [Do You Choose to Lead, or Decide to Follow?](#)

By: Robert Wangen
Time: 05:30 PM

Fees: Members \$20, Non Members \$25

PDU: 1.0

Abstract: According to multiple studies one of the leading causes of employee turnover, workplace conflict, and the resulting low productivity is the lack of effective first-line leadership..... [<read more online>](#)

For more details on monthly dinner meeting topics, forums and for registration, please visit <http://www.pmiglc.org/PD/dnrMtg.aspx?id=72>

[Location Direction and to map](#)

[PMI-GLC Event : Visit to Menlo Innovations](#)

Dear Fellow PMI-GLC Members,

So what happens when passion, joy, fun and a bit of whimsical irreverence meet up with process, discipline, seriousness, dedication and hard work? You get a place like the Menlo Software factory. Just one peek and you know we're different!

Menlo Innovations is a refugee camp for an industry gone off course. We've escaped from the land of mindless specification documents that no one reads and just collect dust on the bookshelf, Microsoft Project generated Gantt Charts that never match with reality, project managers who can claim success even when the project fails, software that doesn't work, designs that are only usable by the power users who designed them, and project schedules that claim they are right on target even though the team is working 80 hour weeks that were never forecast.

Imagine a place where you know exactly what everyone is working without even having to ask them. Imagine a place where there are almost no meetings but far more communication. Imagine a place where you get a weekly check-in on project progress by running the software being built. Try to imagine a place where project teams are always the right size and have just the right mix of skills for the phase of the project. Imagine a place where if we need more done we can add more people, which means sane 40 hour workweeks that result in high quality software produced by an energized team that works at a sustainable pace. Imagine a place that so believes in the power of great user experience that we consider it bad design if there is a need for a user manual or help text.

You don't need to imagine any longer ... come visit Menlo Innovations on Wednesday, October 7th at 6pm hosted by Menlo CEO and co-founder Rich Sheridan. Rich will conduct a tour of this unique work location and process and will be happy to answer any questions you have. With Zingerman's catering the event, we're guessing that a few Menlonians will also stick around to answer questions about what its like to work there for their own perspective. Hope to see you there!

[Link to Register](#)

[More info](#)

[Link to Map Quest](#)



- PMI-GLC is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.
- August 2009 Networking Open House was a success.
- All Member Survey will be sent out in September to gather your feedback.

[Seminars for Project Management Professionals®](#)

To Build Mastery in Project Strategy and Leadership:

Strategic Planning, Agile Project Management and *OPM3* are talked about a lot these days. These three seminars are specifically designed to give your career boost by providing you understanding of the subject. Please visit website for more details and objectives.



- 1. Strategic Planning and Project Management (Sept 10th)**
- 2. Agile Project Management (Sept 17th)**
- 3. OPM3 (Sept 24th)**

Seminars are offered from 6:00 PM through 9:00 PM at Macomb Community College.
[For more information, objectives and registration, click here.](#)

LinkedIn ® [Join PMI-GLC LinkedIn Group and start networking](#)

Call for PMI GLC 2009 Dinner Meeting Speakers

If you are interested in speaking or know someone who would make a great speaker at one of our PMI-GLC dinner meetings for the current and next year, please contact Surya Prakash at dinnermeeting@pmiglc.org for more information.

Dinner meetings are held the second Monday of each month at rotating locations in southeast Michigan (except for July and August).



Recruiters & Job Seekers

PMI-GLC has 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. You can also use our LinkedIn Group to interact.

PMI-GLC Affiliates include - The Association for Operations Management - Detroit Chapter, The Engineering Society of Detroit, Association of Business Process Management Professionals - SE Michigan Chapter, and The itSMF Great Lakes Local Interest Group.

For more information on PMI-GLC Affiliates - <http://www.pmiglc.org/outreach/AffilPartner.aspx>

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