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WiPM-FG Newsletter

Women in Project Management Focus Group

Beginning the New Year with...

By Sue Robinson

Great Expectation! There is no better time to come onboard and fully committed to the Women in Project Management Focus Group than right now. Together let's build momentum by focusing on our objectives as our new year takes shape.

In 2010, Our Women's Focus Group will...

- Promote a clear understanding of cultural/gender variations
- Foster and develop project management expertise through education, research, networking, information dissemination and sharing mutual experience
- Promote professional relationships among our members
- Promote visibility in technical publications, presentations/papers, and professional events.

So what does this means moving forward? It means our newsletter will reflect the thoughts and concerns of women in project management. That's right! We need YOU to make this happen. Ever want to be heard, recognized or just need a place to be yourself and gain respect simultaneously? This is your new platform. So seize the moment, roll up your sleeves and get ready to dig in!

WANTED:

An opportunity for personal development!

By (Author name ←Your name goes here)

WiPM is searching for women in project management that want to be published or want to share information:

- Article Writers (One article commitment)
- Topic Suggestions (We all may be experiencing similar issues)
- Advise/Share your favorite blog sites (Sharing is always good!)
- Advise/Share your favorite social media "Followers", "Friends", "Group Networks" (We all need to stay engaged with others' insight ongoing)
- Success Stories (Think about submitting your colleagues' stories so they can gain exposure and recognition).
- The names of women project managers who deserve a spotlight.

REMEMBER: This is great opportunity to get published!!!

If you are interested, please respond to:

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Our WiPM Leadership Team

“We need you to contribute as much as you need us to provide you with valuable information.”

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Spotlight on Women – Bloggers to Watch

EMOTIONAL INVESTMENT

By Caroline Nightbird, This article is republished from <http://blog.pdus2go.com>

At our core we are all emotional beings. Virtually every decision, reaction and behavior comes, on some level, from an emotional need or desire. While we love to see ourselves as essentially logical, rational, pragmatic creatures, the truth is, often we're not. For the most part, we are overwhelmingly emotional beings.

Let's pretend for a moment that you have a finite amount of emotional currency to spend each week (just like the wages you earn from work) and that you need to invest those dollars wisely to ensure the best possible return. Of course, we could argue back and forth about the notion of having a finite amount of emotional dollars to spend each day or week, but I think we can safely say that our emotional bank account is not some bottomless pit. It can run out from time to time. And for many people it does – sometimes for months or years at a time. I think we all know people who have invested their emotional dollars poorly and have suffered the consequences of living on or below the emotional poverty line.

What happens with most emotional investments is this little issue called “life”. We make the investment, expect a return, and then watch as life changes the rules. A double blow if the investment fails to return. What we need to explore is balance, common sense, and a little less attachment (all your eggs in one basket). By simply remembering you are not a bottomless pit of energy, you will begin to question what (or who) you invest your emotions in and hopefully avoid the huge disappointments that happen when your expectations are dashed.

INVENTIVE THINKING: BREAK YOUR MIND'S MOLD

By Jennifer Whitt, PMP, This article is republished from <http://blog.pdus2go.com>

“Creative thinking is today's most prized, profit-producing possession for any individual, corporation, or country. It has the capacity to change you, your business, and the world.” – Robert P. Crawford, Expert in Creative Technique While certain individuals have been deemed “creative” by society, in reality, everyone has the natural potential for Inventive Thinking. When you couple a willingness to embrace your creativity with your other inherent strengths, innovative ground can be covered.

You may be surprised to learn that the lifeblood of successful inventive thinkers is their flexibility. They're able to look beyond the apparent limits and see where they have room to maneuver in order to uncover new ideas and opportunities.

- * As a thinker, can you transcend the limits of your thinking to reach new heights?
- * As a team member, do you know how to work productively with a person who likes to reinvent?
- * As a leader, are you able to help this thinker harness his imagination to work effectively?

The new economy is going to continue to require us all to exercise the creative and innovative part of our brain. If you are seeking new ideas, reinventing processes, creating non-traditional teams or overhauling a failing plan, creativity and innovation is going to be a key to your success. If this is not your strong suit, I recommend strengthening an underutilized area of your brain you may have forgotten you have or identifying and identifying and leveraging those who excel in this area. Doing things the old way or sitting idle is not a choice.