

May 2006 Newsletter

PMI-GLC Message #1

Dear Members,

Our annual spring symposium was a great success this year. We had 490 participants this year making it the biggest symposium yet. This is almost 150 more than last year. Many participants stopped by and told me how great the event was. Thanks go to the director of symposiums, Ravi Panuganti, for his efforts over the last ten months to make this event a success. As a speaker, team leader, Jan Kobak did an excellent job of getting the best speakers. There were many others who volunteered for many hours in order to make this a successful event. Thanks once again to all the sponsors, speakers, volunteers and participants. The pictures of this event will be posted on the website soon.

Gerry Leitao, the regional vice president of Compuware Corporation, was our April dinner meeting speaker. His topic, Globalization of IT Supply Chain, was well received by the attendees.

In the March newsletter, Scott Anderson informed you of the events calendar. This is one of the examples of PMI GLC taking a leadership role to help members get event information for surrounding chapters. Thanks to Scott for taking the lead on this project.

We made progress on many other exciting projects during April. I will be highlighting these projects in coming months.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or other board members.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in future events.

Suketu Nagrecha, PMP, MBA
President, PMI Great Lakes Chapter

PMI-GLC Message #2

This announcement was in last months news letter but I believe it's worthy of repeating.

New Multi-Chapter Events Calendar Debuts Are you looking to improve your knowledge of PM and earn contact hours toward the PMP certification requirement or PDU credits toward recertification? We have partnered with other chapters in the Midwest to help you reach your goals. There's something new on the Great Lakes Chapter web site, www.pmiglc.org. If you look in the "Other things for you" box, there's now a link called "Multi-Chapter Regional Events Calendar."

The purpose of this new web site, hosted by GLC, is to keep our members and the members of other chapters in our region informed about each other's events. We have announced the new site to our neighbors, who are allowed to register and post their events. Of course, Great Lakes Chapter events will also be posted for the benefit of the other chapter members.

When we say "region," we are not referring to PMI's official designation in which our region includes, for example, New York City, 800 miles from Detroit, but not London, Ontario, 120 miles from Detroit. PMI's regions are administrative in nature. Our region, for the purpose of this calendar, includes any chapter located within roughly 300 miles of Detroit. So you might see events from any Michigan chapter as well as chapters in parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, western New York and the Ontario peninsula.

This web site was developed pursuant to the Great Lakes Chapter strategic objective to increase partnership opportunities with other organizations. All chapters post their events at no charge, and GLC absorbs the minimal cost to maintain the calendar system. The chapters actually log on and post the events themselves, so there is no recurring clerical work on our part. Non-chapter events, such as private training company seminars, are not allowed.

There are already several events posted. We invite you to take advantage of this new offering and take the chance to meet PMs from nearby cities at their events.

Scott C. Anderson, VP of Communications

PMI-GLC Announcement #1

May 8 DINNER MEETING

The Great Lakes Chapter is pleased to welcome Mr. Kevin Suboski, MBA, PMP, the chief consultant and strategist of Suboski and Company, which he founded in 1994. Mr. Leitao's topic is "The Art of Project Leadership" - The Skillful Use of Language For Effective Action. The presentation will include, "Today's project professionals must master new concepts and tools that are grounded in linguistics and acknowledge the fundamental role that conversation plays in the work of leading project teams. This is not merely a good idea for the sake of communicating more clearly - it is imperative for improving the effectiveness of human coordination."
http://www.pmiglc.org/pd/mtg_0605.html

PMI-GLC Announcement #2

REWARDS FOR REFERRALS

Refer a friend - Reward yourself

Refer a friend to become a PMI GLC Member or Symposium attendee and win a \$25 Reward Certificate towards PMI GLC events:

- * GLC Training Class
- * Dinner Meeting
- * Symposium

REWARD RULES:

- * You must be a current PMI-GLC member in good standing at the time of reward.
- * Up to 3 Rewards will be drawn from the referral members during Dinner Meeting.
- * To receive your reward you must be present at the Dinner Meeting.
- * Multiple Referrals are allowed and improve your Reward chances.

REWARD YOURSELF! Email marketing@pmiglc.org or GO TO <http://www.pmiglc.org/about/join.html> and REFER A FRIEND!

PMI-GLC Announcement #3

Great Lakes Chapter now offers an online, instructor lead PMP Exam Review Course, which includes the following learning experiences:

1. Project Management Concepts, presented with extensive slides, animation and narration;
2. Exercises, to reinforce the PM concepts;
3. Sample exams, to simulate the actual PMP exam;
4. On-line discussion sessions, led by a PMP certified Great Lakes Chapter instructor, to pose and answer questions.

Attendees complete the 6 week, 42 hour course by conveniently using any computer with an internet connection (cable/DSL recommended). The course satisfies the PMI requirement for recent formal training in Project Management. Online courses have proved to be as effective as, or more effective than, face-to-face courses, as indicated by feedback from attendees: "Just wanted to say that I passed the exam on 4/4. The course and the materials provided were of great help. I would highly recommend this method of preparation."

Are you interested in preparing for the PMP Exam?

- * Without giving up your Saturdays or evenings;
- * With a highly experienced instructor/project manager;
- * Sharing and analyzing your experiences in the content of the PMBOK Guide;
- * With practice quizzes and exams, using feedback and discussion for further learning;
- * With drill through activities on exam concepts;
- * With personal feedback from the instructor.

For a complete course description, please click on <http://www.pmiglc.org/pd/pmp.html>. To see a demo and/or to register, please click on http://www.pmiglc.org/pd/pmp_demo.html.

The next session is scheduled to begin May 8th, 2006. Register now!

MORE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

With spring & summer just around the corner, it's time to complete your 2006 plans for Professional Development. To support your plans, PMI GLC is pleased to announce the following upcoming chapter activities including:

Dinner Meetings, PMP Exam Prep Courses, PDDs, Seminars, Workshops and other opportunities for you to develop and earn PDUs!

For more details and to register, please visit us at <http://www.pmiglc.org>.

PMI GLC Chapter Events for 2006

<http://www.pmiglc.org/pd/index.html>

May 10 - Seminar: Best Leadership Practices in Project/Program Management

June 08 - PDD: by Dr. Kerzner PDD

June 13 - PMP Exam Prep Course (June 13 - July 27 Dearborn)

Sept 21 - PDD: "Super PDD: Who Moved My Baseline?" by Lee Lambert

Sept 25 - PMP Exam Prep Course (ONLINE) (Sept 25 - Nov 6)

Oct 07 - PMP Exam Prep Course (Oct 7 - Nov 11 Livonia)

Nov 01 - Seminar: Implementation of Corp Strategy through PM Best

Practices Nov 08 - Seminar: Best Practices of Organizational Project Management

Nov 15 - Seminar: Best Leadership Practices in Project/Program Management

PMI-GLC Announcement #4

Great Lakes Chapter is pleased to team with Microsoft Corporation for the following free learning opportunity for our members who use Microsoft Project (TM):

As part of our ongoing commitment to Microsoft Project user education, we are introducing free quarterly training sessions to help Microsoft Project Users get the most out of their investment. The Project Deep Dive Series is meant to provide an in-depth look at current business topics that most affect Project Managers & Directors and how to leverage Microsoft's tools to effectively address these issues.

The Microsoft Heartland District, in collaboration with our partners

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would like to invite you to attend our upcoming Project Deep Dive session on What's Coming in Project Server 2007. The agenda for this quarter's session includes:

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - A Preview of what's coming in P12. Preview the possibilities with P12! This session is not your typical Deep Dive; it's a preview of what's coming in P12. Discussion will center on new features in P12 and a focus on planning for resource management, planning your organizational needs, and best practices for decision making regarding resources.

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - A Preview of Project Server 2007: Planning for Timesheets Many organizations want to track actual work and costs, and then compare those data with planned work and costs. Project Web Access timesheets help you collect actual effort and post that data into the project schedule tasks. This session helps you understand how timesheets work and how to prepare for using the timesheet functions. This session is not your typical Deep Dive; it's a preview of what's coming with timesheets for P12.

This session will be held at the Microsoft Southfield Office. To register, please go to the follow site:
<http://msevents.microsoft.com/CUI/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=1032294627&Culture=en-US>

We hope you will join us!

GLC is offering 3 PDU credits using event code C011-PDDS06.

PMI-GLC Announcement #5

PMI Great Lakes Chapter in partnership with International Institute for Learning presents "Achieving Project Management Excellence Using Best Practices." Don't miss your opportunity to see Dr. Harold Kerzner, one of the world's most renowned Project Management experts! Register today!

Date: June 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Madonna University
14221 Levan
Livonia, MI 48150
Price: \$245 (\$225 for PMI Members - use code BPMP6)
Credits: CEUs: 0.7 / PDUs: 7

About the Program

Best practices in Project Management have caused us to rethink our opinion of project management. Today we view each project as part of a business and project managers as managing part of a business rather than just a project. At the seminar you will learn about current thinking, the importance of capturing best practices in project

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management, and ways to accelerate the journey to maturity and excellence in project management. For additional information about the course, presenter, and to register, please visit us at http://www.pmiglc.org/pd/pdd_bio_kerzner_harold.html.

PMI Great Lakes Chapter in partnership with Lambert Consulting Group presents this years "Super PDD: Who Moved My Baseline?"

Don't miss this opportunity to witness The Funtastic 4 - Lambert, Pritchard, de Jager and Kodukula - in action. Who can pass up One Amazing Day! Four Brilliant Speakers! One Great Price! Register today!

Date: September 21, 2006, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: MSU Management Education Center
811 West Square Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098
Price: \$225 (Members) \$275 (Non-Members)
Credits: CEUs: 0.7 / PDUs: 7

About the Program

This event will feature four of the world's foremost authorities on project management. At the end of the day they will have freely shared their Subject Matter Expert knowledge resulting in a comprehensive coverage of project management applications across the total project lifecycle. Project Selection Methodologies, Risk Management Tools/Techniques; Performance Measurement Baseline Creation and Change Management will comprise this unique program. Attendees will leave this session in a state of amazement as to how much new, relevant and value-added information they have been exposed to through these light-hearted, practical, easy-to-understand, easy-to-listen to presentations. Additionally, they will find themselves in a new frame of mind regarding the potential of project management. They will feel empowered, enthused and renewed by the depth of the information provided by these incredible project management professionals. If you only attend one PDD program this year, this should be the one! Tickets are on Sale Now. For additional information about the course, presenter, and to register, please visit us at http://www.pmiglc.org/pd/pdd_docs/pdd_060921_lambert.html.

----- Sponsored Announcement - Determining Project Requirements -----

Register by May 15th to take advantage of the early registration discount price. This popular seminar is the same one being presented at PMI Seminars World 2006! You can earn 16 PDUs by attending in Livonia on June12 - 13 for only \$645. Presented by Hans Jonasson, PMP of JTC Unlimited.

Please visit http://www.JTCunlimited.com/event_jun12.htm.

Sponsored Announcement - RMC Project Management

CAPMR Exam Prep Online - Just Released! This online course, designed by Rita Mulcahy, offers 12 - lesson interactive tutorials, dozens of exercises and games, multimedia project management flashcards, 600+ practice exam questions and more! Please visit <http://www.rmcproject.com> for more information.

Sponsored Announcement - Achieve Your Career Goals with ESI Training

At ESI we offer more than 100 courses in Project Management, Contract Management and Business Analysis designed to help you achieve your career goals - all while earning valuable PDUs. We also offer expert courses and tools to help you pass the PMP Exam on the first try. For more details, visit <http://www.esi-intl.com> today.

Sponsored Announcement - Pass PMP Exam or Your Money Back

No time to study for PMP Exam? Enroll in our popular 4-day PMP Exam Prep Boot Camp with a 5th day pass or money-back guarantee and join the thousands of PMPs who trusted PMTI and succeeded. To enroll in our classes offered throughout US and Canada or to find out if we provide the best value for the money, visit our website at <http://www.4PMTI.com>.

The Jobs Board

The chapter website has a self-service jobs board where companies in the area are posting jobs in the project management field. Visit <http://www.pmiglc.org/jobs/index.php> for more information.

Mailing List Information

To make changes to your email address, go to the National PMI website at <http://www.pmi.org> and login through the Membership section.

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