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Check out New Volunteer Opportunities:

Get more out of your chapter membership and do some volunteering! (Plus, you will then be able to participate in the 2006 Volunteer Recognition Dinner in 2007.) A number of new volunteer postings are on the PMI-MN Web site just waiting for you look them over. If you don't see anything you are interested in, please send an email to chairmembership@pmi-mn.org with the kinds of things you have an interest in. Also, keep checking the chapter Web site for new volunteer postings - they are continuously being updated and added to! With close to 2,800 chapter members, we have lots of ways for you to participate in making our chapter the best it can be.

2005 Volunteer Hours Due By 12/10/05

We value our volunteers and want to make sure you get credit for every hour you have volunteered in 2005. We use your volunteer hours to give you PMI-MN credit at TicketWorks, planning for 2006 and for gifts at the volunteer recognition January 28, 2006.

Please turn your hours in no later than 12/10/05 (estimate your December 2005 hours) to volunteers@pmi-mn.org (or your program manager) as we will be closing the book on volunteer hours for 2005.

Save January 28, 2006 for the 2005 Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Watch for details to be posted on the chapter website and also included in the January newsletter.

Certification

PMP® Preparation Training will be offered on the 3M Campus beginning in January. Check the PMI-MN Web site for more information and to register online. Classes run from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. for eight consecutive weeks for a total of 24 hours. The course includes the shared perspectives of a diverse teaching team, comprehensive study guides and sample questions. This course provides the majority of the 35 hours of project management education that candidates need to document in order to apply for the PMP exam.

Winter 2006 PMP® Prep Class

January 10 – February 28, 2006

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. (8 weeks)

3M Campus, St Paul, MN (East on 94 near 494)

To register, contact TicketWorks at (612) 343-3390, (800) 762-6253, or register online at www.ticketworks.com.

For more information on PMP® Certification, review the listing of frequently asked questions on the PMI-MN Web site. *PMI-MN is a PMI® Registered Education Provider.*

Winter 2006 PMP® Application Writing Session

PMI® members planning to take the PMP® certification exam and submit their qualifications to PMI® World Headquarters are welcome to attend a special question-and-answer session about filling out the application.

The Application Writing Q&A Session will be held from 4:00-5:30 P.M. prior to the PMI-MN® dinner meeting at the DoubleTree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park, MN, Thursday, January 19.

Registration: There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Send an email to AppWritingRegistration@pmi-mn.org - please indicate for which date you are registering and how many plan to attend.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

PMI-MN's Career Networking Group wishes to thank our generous benefactors for their support during the year 2005.

PMI-MN Board of Directors

Dinner tickets for unemployed PMI Members

RMC Project Management

Rita Mulcahy, PMP

Scholarships to her No-Study PMP Exam Prep class

Copies of her PMP Exam Prep Course in a Book

Discounts on formal classes

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS:

Richard Mandics

Advanced Technologies Integration

Tom Bodin

O.I. Partners - Organizational Innovations

Sue Morem

Premier Presentation, Inc

Rita Mulcahy, PMP

RMC Project Management

Bill Quick

Hyrian

Jeanine Rickson

Genesis10

John Del Vecchio

Robert Half Technology

Résumé Workshop

Michael Peters

The McKinley Group



January 2006 Dinner Meeting

Title: The Benefits of Toastmasters for Project Managers
Speaker(s): Harriet Beadell, PMP, and Bruce Beadell, PMP

As Project Management Professionals we know that our communications skills are the key to our success and to the success of our projects. The ability to effectively communicate is considered the number one skill for project management. Poor communication is one of the leading causes of project failure.

Toastmasters is the fastest-growing non-profit educational organization in the world. The reasons are simple. The program offers opportunities to enhance both communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment, at a minimal cost.

This team presentation by husband and wife, Bruce and Harriet Beadell, will answer the following questions:

- What is Toastmasters?
- How does the Toastmasters program work?
- What happens at a Toastmasters meeting?
- What's in it for Project Managers?

About the Speakers: Harriet Beadell, Distinguished Toastmaster, is currently serving as the Toastmasters International Northern Division Governor for 2005-2006. In this leadership capacity, she is the CEO of 29 Toastmasters Clubs for District 6. Harriet was recently awarded the Toastmasters District 6 Area Governor of the Year for 2004-2005 and the Lou Novak Award for her excellence in leadership and club mentorship. In her professional life, Harriet works as a Senior Engineer/Scientist on complex engineering projects for BAE Systems (formerly United Defense). As a domain lead for the Future Combat Systems, Harriet develops system architecture and guides engineering teams to achieve success through the collaboration of multiple engineering disciplines. Her educational background includes a Doctorate in Leadership, (2nd year), University of St. Thomas; an MS in Software Engineering, University of St. Thomas; and a Bachelors in Science and Math, Columbia University - New York, NY.

Bruce Beadell is a Charter Member of the Generally Speaking Toastmasters Club. In his professional life, he works as a Lead Process Deployment Engineer for General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems in Bloomington. Bruce has over 30 years of engineering project management experience on mission critical projects in the defense industry. Bruce's educational background includes a Doctorate in Leadership, (2nd year), University of St. Thomas; an MS in Software Engineering, University of St. Thomas; MBA, Golden Gate University; a Bachelors in Computer Science, Rollins College; and a Bachelors in Economics, University of California - Santa Barbara.

January Dinner Meeting

January 19, 2006

- 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. PMP Application Writing Session
- 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. Career Networking Event
- 5:30 - 6:15 P.M. Registration, Local Interest Groups (LIG's), Networking
- 6:30 - 7:20 P.M. Dinner
- 7:20 - 7:30 P.M. PMI-MN Chapter Business / Introductions
- 7:30 - 8:20 P.M. Presentations
- 8:20 - 8:30 P.M. Q & A

PDU's earned: 1

Registration received on or before 01/06/06

- PMI members \$27, non-members \$32

Registration received after 01/06/06

- PMI members \$32, non-members \$37

Doubletree Park Place Hotel, 1500 Park Place Blvd.,
St. Louis Park

To register, contact Ticket Works at (612) 343-3390,
800-762-6253 or www.ticketworks.com

February 2006 Dinner Meeting

Title: A Tour of Quality Management Practices

Speaker: Tom Mochal, PMP

Companies and organizations all over the world are trying to become more quality focused. This has led to a multitude of different quality management practices. Some of the programs, such as Six Sigma, are well known although perhaps not well understood. Many of the programs are only known by the practitioners. The purpose of this presentation is to briefly introduce many of these quality management practices, from quality management to Kaizen to Poka-Yoke and more. It is an interesting look at the diversity of quality practices.

About the Speaker: Tom Mochal is President of TenStep, Inc., a worldwide methodology development, consulting and training company. Tom has over 25 years of project management and people management experience at Geac Computers, The Coca-Cola Company, Cap Gemini E&Y and Eastman Kodak. He has published hundreds of columns and has presented and trained on project management and lifecycle topics around the world. He is author of a book on people management called *Lessons in People Management* (BookSurge 2005), which is itself a follow-up to his popular project management book called *Lessons in Project Management* (Apress 2003). He is also the author of a number of business methodologies including the "TenStep Project Management Process" (www.TenStep.com), a complete portfolio management process called "PortfolioStep" (www.PortfolioStep.com), a project lifecycle methodology called "LifecycleStep" (www.LifecycleStep.com) and a framework for implementing and supporting project management within companies called "PMOStep" (www.PMOStep.com).

Tom was recently recognized as the winner of the 2005 Distinguished Contribution Award from PMI.

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- International Project Management Forum, Bucharest Romania, Keynote speaker
- AASCIF Conference, Las Vegas, Keynote speaker
- Atlanta Quality Assurance Group
- Savannah, GA PMI
- Columbus, GA PMI
- Nashville, TN PMI

March 2006 Dinner Meeting

Title: A Client's Perspective of Project Management - The True Measure of Project Success

Speaker: Ken Maudlin

February Dinner Meeting

February 16, 2006

- 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. Career Networking Event
- 5:30 - 6:15 P.M. Registration, Local Interest Groups (LIG's), Networking
- 6:30 - 7:20 P.M. Dinner
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2006 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- January 10 Winter PMP Prep Class Starts
- January 19 PMP Application Writing Session
- January 19 Career Networking Group
- January 19 Local Interest Groups
- January 19 Chapter Dinner Meeting
- January 28 Volunteer Recognition Dinner

FEBRUARY

- February 16 Career Networking Group
- February 16 Local Interest Groups
- February 16 Chapter Dinner Meeting

MARCH

- March 16 Chapter Dinner Meeting

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“Our Mission is to provide increasing value to our membership across disciplines through learning and exchanging ideas and experiences.”

Deadline for submissions for the PMI-MN News is the 10th of the month prior to publication. Articles may be e-mailed to: newsletter@pmi-mn.org



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