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Bob Sanders, Past-President, reflects on his role last year. See page 3.

FYI:
We will be omitting the web statistics page starting next month. Let us know if you would still like to see it monthly.

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Our Next Chapter Meeting - February 13th

The February chapter breakfast meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center at 525 33rd Ave SW in Cedar Rapids. The Clarion Hotel and Convention Center phone number is (319) 366-8671.

Program: "Every PMP can Implement OPM3" by Jamie Northrup

Since the inception of the Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3) in 2003 many organizations have shown interest in the model. However many of these same organizations get intimidated by the depth and complexity of the model, and there is very little guidance out there to help organizations with OPM3 implementations. This presentation gives internal and external practitioners and consultants "tried and true" tools, tips, and guidance that they need to implement OPM3 in any organization that manages work through projects. People leaving this presentation should resoundingly exclaim, "Every PMP Can Implement OPM3!"

Program Schedule:

7:30 - 7:45	Registration, breakfast, and social time
7:45 - 7:50	Opening by chapter president / chapter officers
7:50 - 8:40	Presentation
8:40 - 8:50	Final announcements and wrap-up

Our Breakfast Buffet Menu (subject to change):

- Assorted chilled fruit juices
- Golden scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese
- Crisp bacon & sausage links or ham
- Breakfast potatoes
- Assorted fresh pastries with butter and preserves
- Fresh sliced fruit



Cost:

\$10.00 to chapter members and guests.

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 8th to ProgramRegistration@pmieasterniowa.org.

Steve Sawyer, Director - Logistics
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

Important Notes:

Your survey contributions help plan future meetings. Please remember to fill out a survey form after our chapter meetings. We especially appreciate any and all ideas within the "Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics" section.

Your attendance commitment is also helpful. When you RSVP with the intention to attend, we appreciate a follow through on the commitment.

President's Corner - by Darin Hart, PMP

Chapter Members and Guests,

When I sat down to write this month's Presidents Corner, I am sure I did as many of my predecessors did and wondered what would be a good topic that would be both informative and useful. Although you will need to be the judge if I accomplished this goal the conclusion, I came to was that at this point in the year I felt it would be best to talk about the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Leadership Teams focus for 2007.



The Leadership Team has spent a considerable amount of time in December and January working on 2007 Goals and Budgets. Each VP has been working with their Directors to develop their areas goals and budgets for 2007. This has taken considerable time from the team however I think we have made great progress and expect to be complete by Mid February. I greatly appreciate the time each volunteer team member has spent on the process and hope that you do as well. I believe we will all see the value of this in 2007.

As President of the Eastern Iowa Chapter for 2007 I have identified 4 key areas for the leadership team to focus on in 2007. They are:

- Outreach
- Quality and Variety of Monthly Programs
- Professional Development (Training Program and Professional Development Day)
- Volunteers

These 4 areas may not directly cover all areas covered by the Chapter leadership team however I believe they represent some key areas where we have the biggest opportunity to advance our chapter. These 4 areas of focus were developed after talking too many of the current leadership team members, reviewing the feedback collected during the 2006 Chapter Survey as well as discussions with our Past President Bob Sanders. Many of the initiatives that will come out of the key areas and goals will not be successful without help, input, and participation from you our members and guests. Your help and participation is appreciated so the chapter can continue to deliver on its mission to "Provide a forum for professional project managers to promote the principles of the Project Management Institute through networking with other project managers, sharing project experiences, providing and receiving training, and supporting project managers in their certification efforts."

I look forward to another great year with the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter. Your input and participation will make it that much better.

If at any point during the year you have any questions, feedback or concerns please feel free to contact me at president@pmiasterniowa.org.

Darin Hart, PMP
2006 President, PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

Membership Call For Two Director Volunteers

Our Eastern Iowa Chapter has an immediate need for two members to volunteer for the 2007 Director of Newsletter and Director of Corporate Outreach roles. As a 2007 director, you will gain local professional exposure along with helping make the PMI chapter experience richer and more meaningful to you and other members. As a PMP, you will also have the opportunity to earn five (5) PDUs for volunteering. Please contact the VP of Communications and Publicity for the Newsletter role or the VP of Outreach for the Director of Corporate Outreach role. If you know of someone else that would be interested, ask them to volunteer.

Past President's Reflections - by Bob Sanders, PMP

As I start my new role as Past President, I find myself looking back at how I spent my first month as Chapter President back in January of 2005. It was a time of gathering and prioritizing a wide-range of goals from a group of tenacious and dedicated volunteers as well as establishing an achievable budget that would lead us to accomplish what we were set off to do.

It was a time of learning how I could lead a group of volunteers that had other commitments outside of PMI, such as their career, family, as well as a numerous of other volunteering activities. I found myself wondering how we can work as a team to meet the needs of our chapter membership while balancing the needs of our volunteers.

What I did have working for me were a great group of peers as well as a group of regional PMI volunteers to guide me in the right direction. I truly believe that Darin Hart, our current elected Chapter President, has a similar group of peers and volunteers that can mentor him through a successful 2007!! Darin...we are with you all the way.

Bob Sanders, PMP
2007 Past President
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

Chapter Sponsored Professional Development (subject to change)

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Time	Course ID	Cost	PDU's	Location	Title
2/19/07	5-9 pm	C100-2600	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Advanced MS Project Multi-Project Planning and Resource Management
3/19/07	5-9 pm	C100-2700	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Scope and Requirements Management Workshop
4/16/07	5-9 pm	C100-2800	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Cost Management
5/21/07	5-9 pm	C100-2900	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	OPM3 Workshop

Send questions to director.professional@pmiasterniowa.org.

Important Notice To All PMI Members

PMI's new Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct became effective January 01, 2007. It is applicable to all PMI members and those receiving certification from PMI. Go to the PMI global website and click on *Institute Policies* under *About PMI*.

A PDU's Reminder

Remember Those 2006 PDUs

The calendar year 2006 is now in the past, Our chapter PMPs should review the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program manual (pdf version is available for download) to account for and correctly post their 2006 eligible activities for PDU credits. Go to the PMI global website to find details about the CCR program and manual.

Earning PDUs In 2007

There are many ways in 2007 to earn PDUs to maintain a PMI certification. Attend one or more of our monthly chapter meetings. Sign up and attend one or more of the training opportunities listed in our newsletter each month. Become a PMI global or chapter volunteer. Sign up to give a chapter meeting presentation about your favorite project management topic. See the CCR program manual for many more ideas.

Chapter Meeting Program Recap - January 9, 2006

"Failed Project Recovery: From the Emergency Room into the Recovery Room" by Doug Williams


Douglas Williams, PMP is a Senior Consultant practicing project management, organizational change management, and general IT systems engineering. He has worked with varied organizations located in different locations throughout the United States. Doug presented, "Failed Project Recovery: From the Emergency Room into the Recovery Room". The presentation provided an analysis that helps the project manager become aware of the steps needed to set up and accomplish a cold-start project failure recovery.



Attendance: 50

Guests: 9

Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)

	Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
	February 13 7:30 – 9:00 AM	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Every PMP Can Implement OPM3" by Jamie Northrup
	March 13 5:45 - 8:00 PM	TBD	"Quality and Project Management" by Mark Latta
	April 10 7:30 – 9:00 AM	TBD	"Task Explosion" by Paul Postler

Check Out The PMI Global Website

Do you sometimes desire to know what is going on at the PMI Global level? Consider investing some time on the PMI global website (www.pmi.org) to learn more about PMI news items and events like the following:

- Exposure draft of the Project Manager Competency Development Framework – Second Edition is now available.
- Mark your calendars (6-9 October 2007) for the PMI Global Congress 2007 — North America in Atlanta, GA.
- The 2007 registration is now open for eSeminarsWorld and PMMM.
- PMI Board of Directors election results announced.
- CEO questions and answers about strategy.
- The PMI Annual Report 2005, "Common Bonds" is now available online. Look for a print copy with the August issue of PM Network®.
- PMI Professional Awards 2006 Call for Nominations now open. More...

Guess when PMI's 250,000th member will join.

PMI's 250,000th Member Race is underway and anyone may enter! The individual (member or nonmember) who guesses closest, without exceeding, the date and time that the 250,000th member joins PMI will be the winner. If no one guesses correctly, then the contest winner will be the individual who guesses closest without exceeding the actual time the 250,000th member joins. Visit the contest web page for information on rules, prizes, incentives and information on how members and non-members may enter the race. The sooner you enter, the better your chances to win.

<http://www.pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/250KMemberRace.asp>



Membership Update

OH NO! We fell below the 300 members count!

Help us achieve 300 by asking just one friend to become a new member this month.

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **297**, with **152 PMP®s**. Our chapter has representation from 57 companies. The top five are listed below.

- Pearson (132 members, 77 PMPs)
- Rockwell Collins (22 members, 8 PMPs)
- Intermec Technologies (17 members, 11 PMPs)
- Aegon (10 members, 2 PMPs)
- FPL Energy (9 members, 7 PMPs)

New PMP®s:

Karen Black and Laura Smith, Pearson.

Congratulations also to Dick Holladay and Dixie Trout, both at Pearson. Dick and Dixie passed the certification exam in October, but due to membership communication delays from PMI-HQ, their accomplishments were not received in time for our December and January newsletters.

New Members:

Rebecca Farmer, Rockwell; Angela Hanken, Rockwell; Thom Lusardi, Pearson; Christopher Martin, Pearson; Chris Moudy, Pearson; Donna Nielsen, Pearson; Mark York.

Welcome Back:

Petra Block; Karen Squires Nordeng.

PMI Chapter Transfers:

If you have a need to transfer chapters because you have moved or relocated due to employment location changes, be sure to update your membership data at the PMI global website, www.pmi.org.

PMI Member Contact Updates:

Update your membership data at the PMI global website, www.pmi.org.

Web Site Statistics - Top Ten Most Active Pages

Pages by URL	Viewed	Average size	Entry	Exit
index.htm	309	3.48 KB	219	107
calendar.htm	112	23.60 KB	19	38
courses.htm	59	10.02 KB	2	6
contacts.htm	54	9.98 KB	2	22
Membership.htm	54	11.69 KB	7	11
newsletter.htm	40	11.84 KB	1	3
pdu.htm	40	20.22 KB	1	11
documents.htm	37	2.46 KB	1	3
jobs.htm	32	4.13 KB	2	7
newsletter	20	109.55 KB	1	9

Priority Management Training Schedule (subject to change)

The following Priority Management sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Course ID	PDU's	Location	Title
02/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
03/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
03/27/07 – 03/29/07	1161-PMB00020	21	Cedar Rapids, IA	Project management breakthroughs
03/30/06	1161-TN061161	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working smart with MS Project
04/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Lotus Notes
04/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
05/24/07	1161-TN060100	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook

Please find more details at http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop_schedule/ or send questions to rsmith@prioritymanagement.com.

New Horizons Training Schedule (subject to change)

The following courses are available at New Horizons of Cedar Rapids in the coming months.

Date	PDU's	Location	Title
02/07/07	19.5	New Horizons	Introduction to Project Management
02/13/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
02/14/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L2
03/08/07	13	New Horizons	Scope and Requirements Management
04/09/07	13	New Horizons	Schedule and Cost Control
04/25/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
04/26/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L2
05/17/07	6.5	New Horizons	Project Management – Risk Management
05/18/07	6.5	New Horizons	Project Management – Quality Management
06/04/07	19.5	New Horizons	Introduction to Project Management
07/09/07	19.5	New Horizons	Project Management for Professionals Exam Preparation

Visit www.newhorizonscr.com, email events.cedarrapids@newhorizons.com, or call 319-294-9035.

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Course Description:

Advanced MS Project Multi-Project Planning and Resource Management: This course is designed to instruct Project Managers on techniques to manage project resources, pipelines, and multiple projects using Microsoft® Project's more powerful capabilities. The class demonstrates how those capabilities can be used to transform resource management concepts into your Microsoft® project schedule. The class is instructor led and includes many hands-on labs. The topics covered in "Pipeline Planning and Resource Management using MS Project" are as follows:

- Skills assessment, Team Development, and Resource Assigning
- Resource Leveling, Over-allocation, and Resource Inefficiencies
- Developing and Managing Resource Pools
- Master Project Development, Project Pipeline Development

Learning Objectives: Master many of the more powerful features of Microsoft® Project. Each student will understand the concepts necessary to manage project resources and the project pipeline. Through a series of very helpful "hands on" labs, participants will gain insights into how to Microsoft® Project 'thinks' about resource allocation and leveling. Attendees who are Project Management Professionals (PMP) will receive 4 Professional Development Unit credits with the PMI under category 4.

Course Date & Location:

February 19 (5:00pm – 9:00pm)
 Kirkwood Community College
 Nielsen Hall Room 212
 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

Instructor:

Jamie Northrup, PMP is a Program Manager at NCS Pearson in Iowa City, Iowa. A graduate of the University of Iowa, Jamie holds a BA Degree in Business Administration: Management Information Systems. He is certified as a PMP through the Project Management Institute, and is trained in CMMI through the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. Jamie has also taught technology classes as an adjunct professor with Kirkwood Community College.

Cost:

The cost of the February 19 "Advanced MS Project Multi-Project Planning and Resource Management" class is \$125.00 for chapter members and \$150.00 for non-chapter members. It is recommended that you have a working knowledge of MS Project.

Please mail checks to: P.O. BOX 1811, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1811.

This form must be completed, mailed, and received by COB February 12, 2007. In addition to sending in the form please send an e-mail to trainingregistration@pmieasterniowa.org so that we can reserve your seat.

Please forward any questions or concerns to director.professional@pmieasterniowa.org.

Required Sign-up Information		Project Scope / Requirements Management & Change Control	
Name, First, MI, Last:		PMI ID #:	
E-mail:		Phone #:	
Company:			