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President's corner
from Steve Rucker
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January 2005

Our Next Chapter Meeting - January 11th

Our next chapter meeting is a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 7:30am to 9:00am at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center at 525 33rd Ave SW in Cedar Rapids.

The program for January will be a presentation by Douglas K. Williams, PMP (a.k.a. Dugger) a Senior Consultant. His topic will be "Troubled Project Analysis - Common Project Failure Triggers". Reaching into the Information Technology industry's history, the Standish Group International has analyzed project-centric success rates. As documented within The CHAOS Report (1994), nearly one-third of all IT projects were cancelled before completion, close to one-half ran almost twice over budget, and less than one-quarter were delivered on-time and within budget. Their update, Extreme CHAOS (2001), showed that nearly one-fourth of projects failed, almost one-half were challenged, and just over one-quarter were successful.

With this in mind, consider your project portfolio. Will one or more of your most critical projects succeed, or disappoint? The industry statistics demonstrate the latter is much more likely. Doug's project management presentation reviews a checklist of many common project failure triggers one should consider when looking at a project and its ability to succeed.

Our Buffet Breakfast will include: Assorted chilled fruit juices , Golden scrambled eggs with Cheddar Cheese, Crisp bacon & sausage links or Ham, Breakfast potatoes , Pancakes or French Toast with Butter and Maple Syrup , Assorted Fresh Pastries with butter and preserves

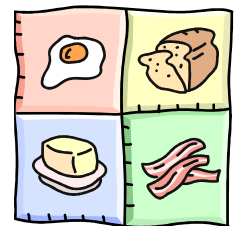
Cost: \$10.00

Please RSVP by Friday, January 7th via email to ProgramRegistration@pmicasterniowa.org.

Program

7:30 - 8:00 Breakfast/Social time
8:00 - 8:10 Opening by our new President Bob Sanders
8:10 - 8:40 Presentation
8:40 - 9:00 Final Announcements and Wrap-Up

Stephen Schmitz,
VP of Programs



Recap Last Month's Meeting

Our program for December, "Fifteen in 5 - The Process" was presented by Ron Corbett, President and CEO of the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce. Ron told us the goal of Fifteen in 5 is to create a list of 15 goals that can be accomplished in Linn County within the next five years. At the time of our meeting there were over 1300 ideas submitted.

Ron spoke about the formation of a committee to review the list, categorize it and then by a yet to be determined process reduce to the finale 15. All this in the first few months of 2005. The goal is to announce the community's Fifteen in 5 "to-Do" list in April.

After Ron's presentation the attending members decided to submit a list of ideas from PMI of Eastern Iowa. This call to action netted six ideas that were submitted to the Chamber.



President's Corner

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

It is hard to imagine that this will be my twenty fourth and final correspondence to you as chapter president. The two years passed quickly. The chapter is ready for a new president and board, and I am ready for the next challenge. Life without challenges is pretty dull in my opinion.

Before I depart I would like to share with you our 2004 chapter accomplishments. These were presented at the December Annual Business meeting.

2004 Accomplishments by Area

Chapter

- Shifted Elections to September from December
- Increased participation in Region 2 activities

Programs

- Attendance increase by 25%
 - 2003 Attendance 29 (24 members / 5 guests)
 - 2004 Attendance 39 (32 members / 7 guests)
- Initiation of Breakfast Meetings
- Improved speaker variety

Communications

- Significantly improved the newsletter
- Improvements to the website
- New e-mail system for the board

Membership

- Improved follow-up with non-renewing members
- DEP Utilization

Finance

- Standard financial report format
- Better understanding of expenses and areas for improvement

Professional Development

- Initiated three PMP Certification Preparation classes
- Developed and presented a Risk Management course
- Began design of basic PM class

Special Projects

- Improved management of chapter merchandise
- Began plans for re-establishment of PMP mentorship program

Going in to 2005

- Best transition in memory
- Goals for 2005 at almost completed
- Better understanding of our financials

We did a pretty good job as your board this year. The 2005 board will do even better. You selected some fine people to lead you forward.

When I was 23 years old a wise Army Captain told me, “Steve, it doesn’t matter if it is a manual typewriter repair company. If you get a chance to command, never pass it up.” When I was asked to be nominated twice as your President, I remembered those words. It was a wonderful two years. I had a lot of support and a lot of help. It was a special privilege to serve as your president. I’ll cherish the memories of these past two years. Thank you for your trust.

May God bless you all in the days to come.

Steve Rucker

President, Eastern Iowa Chapter, 2003 - 2004

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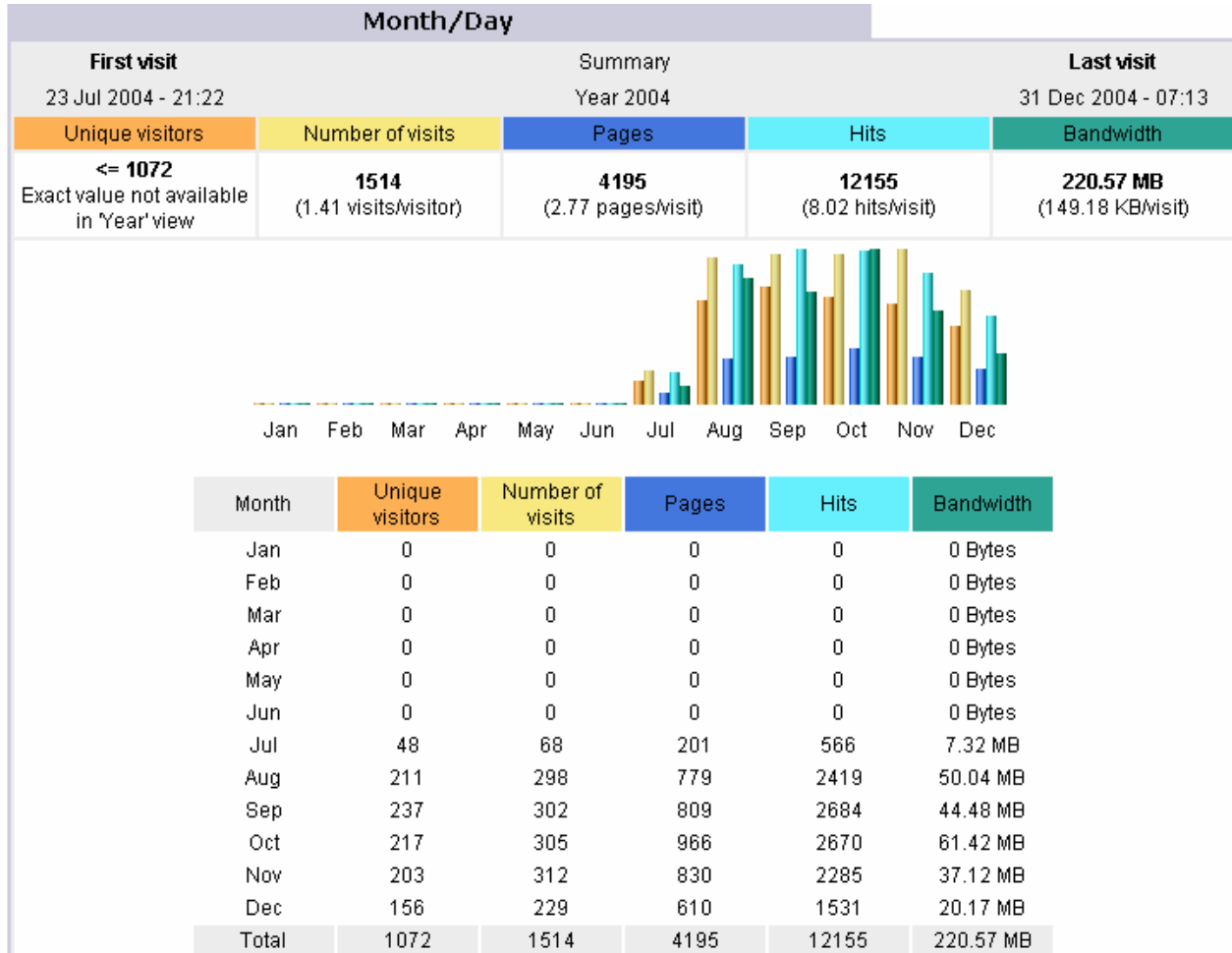
Steve Rucker



Date	Time	Topic
February 8th	5:45 to 8:00 pm	Hugh Barry talking about project management relating to the University of Iowa's Kinnick Stadium Renovation
March 8th	7:30—9:00 am	TBD
April	TBD	TBD

Website Usage Statistics - by Darin A. Hart.

This month I wanted to highlight the statistics on our site visits since July when we switched vendors. With the exclusion of July for being a partial month due to the conversion and December with being a month where many individuals are on vacation the statistics indicate a consistent usage of the website.



Membership Update

Due to the 2005 Board of Directory changes we were unable to publish this months data. We are sorry for any issues this may cause. If you have specific questions please direct them to the VP of Membership at membership@pmieasterniowa.org.



Want to join PMI and/or our Chapter: Check out: <http://www.pmieasterniowa.org/Membership.htm>

Chapter transfers: If you have a need to transfer to another chapter because you have moved or relocated due to changes in employment or work locations, please contact chaptertransfer@pmi.org.

PMI Community Post - Watch your mailbox for your new member benefit.



PMI is mailing its newest periodical, the *PMI Leadership in Project Management Annual*, and it should be reaching you very soon. This value-added member benefit is the first in a series of annual publications devoted solely to defining and building the leadership skills essential for the project management practitioner and the organizations for which they work. Inside this handsome publication you will find an amazing array of “how to” hints for articulating your worth and your project's benefits to executives; using your knowledge and expertise to lead your organization toward innovation; managing teams to boost performance and profits; and harnessing vision, innovation, creativity, inspiration, empowerment, trust and integrity in the process of establishing yourself as a genuine leader. If building leadership skills is high on your agenda, don't miss this exceptional publication! (dan.goldfischer@pmi.org)

Newsletter Content Needed

Chapter Sponsored Training Opportunities

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are currently in the works:

- Stay Tuned for our 2005 schedule to be published soon!

Please send questions to ProfessionalDevelopment@pmieasterniowa.org

Chapter Logo Merchandise

PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter has several *really cool* and *fashionable* logo items that are offered for sale at each chapter meeting. The following is a list of some of the items available:

- Mugs \$5
- Canvas bags \$15,
- Polo shirts from \$15,
- Pads: Free,

- Pens: Free (one per chapter member)
- and more!

Photographs and other details can **now** be found on our website: <http://www.pmieasterniowa.org/merchandise>. To purchase merchandise, contact Leo Bertling: SpecialProjects@pmieasterniowa.org, or come to the next chapter meeting.



External Training Opportunities

Priority Management

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Priority Manager - WEBSHOP

Start Date	End Date	Time	Location
February 07, 2005	February 07, 2005	01:00 PM	Web sessions
May 13, 2005	May 13, 2005	01:00 PM	Web sessions

7 PMI PDU credits.

Project Management Breakthroughs

Start Date	End Date	Time	Location
March 14, 2005	March 16, 2005	08:05 AM	Cedar Rapids

21 PMI PDU credits.

Working Smart with Lotus Notes - WEBSHOP

Start Date	End Date	Time	Location
January 28, 2005	February 5, 2005	1:00 PM	Web sessions
May 09, 2005	May 09, 2005	1:00 PM	Web sessions

7 PMI PDU credits.

Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook - WEBSHOP

Start Date	End Date	Time	Location
January 24, 2005	January 24, 2005	1:00 PM	
April 29, 2005	June 05, 2005	1:00 PM	

7 PMI PDU credits.

Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook

Start Date	End Date	Time	Location
January 11, 2005	January 11, 2005	08:05 AM	Cedar Rapids
January 19, 2005	January 19, 2005	08:05 AM	Cedar Rapids
February 02, 2005	February 02, 2005	08:05 AM	Cedar Rapids

7 PMI PDU credits.

Working Smart with Microsoft Project

Start Date	End Date	Time	Location
March 17, 2005	March 17, 2005	8:05 AM	Cedar Rapids at PPI

8 PMI PDU credits.

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