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Do you have ideas or know of a topic relevant speaker for future monthly chapter meeting programs?

Be sure to contact the Director of Programs.

See the contacts page for the email address.

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## Our Next Chapter Meeting - May 9th

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

### Program Speaker:

Muthu Kannan, contractor for Fiserv Insurance Solutions, will present the challenges with managing off-shore resources. Muthu is currently a project manager with Fiserv and has extensive experience with off-shore teams.

### Program Schedule:

7:30 - 7:45 Breakfast/Social time  
7:45 - 7:50 Opening by President Bob Sanders / chapter officers  
7:50 - 8:40 Presentation  
8:40 - 8:50 Final Announcements and Wrap-Up

### Our breakfast buffet will include:

- 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 to chapter members and guests.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, May 5th to  
[programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org).

Paddy Puthige, PMP  
VP of Operations,  
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

## PMI Community Post - Scholarships Available for 2006-2007

The PMI Educational Foundation promotes economic, educational, cultural and social advancement through the application, development and promotion of project management concepts, theories and life skills. Scholarships are available at the bachelors, masters and doctoral levels. For an overview of the scholarship opportunities, please view the [Educational Foundation Web pages](#). For many of the scholarships, the applications are due by Tuesday, 30 May.

## President's Corner - by Bob Sanders, PMP

Last week, April 23rd to 29th, was National Volunteer Week. It is a time dedicated to thanking world-wide volunteers and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities. National Volunteer Week first began in 1974 when President Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Ever since, each US President has signed a proclamation promoting this week.

The most prestigious volunteer award currently associated with the White House is "The President's Volunteer Service Award." Last year during National Volunteer Week, more than 20,000 volunteers received this award. Each award recipients received a signed letter from the President of the United States, a personalized certificate, and an official label pin.

In the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter, we have begun plans to better publicly recognize our volunteers that help promote the proper use and knowledge of project management across many industries. Steve Rucker, Past President, and Nita Inani, Director of Volunteers, are leading the charge to put a program together before the end of the year. Look for details in later newsletters on how you can help this new program be a success.

Bob Sanders, PMP  
President  
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

## Check Out The PMI National Website

Do you sometimes desire to know what is going on at PMI National level? Consider investing some time on the PMI National website ([www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)) to learn more about PMI news items like the following:

- PMI is the subject of a sweepstakes hoax.
- PMI Educational Foundation Launches New Web Site.
- The Exposure Draft for the Practice Standard for Configuration Management is now open for review. Your input is encouraged and appreciated!
- Plan ahead for Mega Seminars World 26-29 June at Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida, USA.
- Influential women sought.
- Call for 2007 PMI Board Other Committees.
- Earn 14 PDU's with PMI's newest Web Based Self Study course.
- The Call for Presentation Proposals for Global Congress 2006–Latin America is open.
- PMI Professional Awards 2006 Call for Nominations now open.
- CEO questions and answers about strategy.
- Open Call for Volunteers to Participate on the OPM3 2008 Update Project Team.

Check out [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) to see so many more PMI National items.

## Chapter Meeting Program Recap

April 11, 2006 - "Managing Contractors" by Ryan Gardner


Ryan Gardner is the Director of Auxiliary Services for Kirkwood Community College. While managing the day to day operations of Purchasing, Central Receiving, Bookstore, Food Services and Campus Card departments, Ryan is involved in the managing of the outside contractors for new and remodeling building projects on the campus. Ryan shared with us his experiences surrounding these projects and lessons learned.

Total Attendance: 25

Guests: 7



## Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)

	Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
	May 09 - 7:30-9:00 AM	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Challenges with Managing Off-shore Resources" by Muthu Kannan
	June 13 - 5:45-8:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites Highlander 2525 North Dodge, Iowa City	Round Table Discussions – topic to be announced at the meeting.
	July 11 - TBD	TBD	TBD

## Membership Update

PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **273**, with **138 PMP®s** and **1 CAPM®s**. Our chapter has representation from 51 companies. Our top five companies by member count are Pearson (116), Rockwell Collins (23), Intermec (17), and Aegon (11), and FPL Duane Arnold Energy Center (10)

### New PMP®s:

Paul Anderson, Fiserv; Ken Davis, FPL Duane Arnold Energy Center.

### New Members:

We welcome: Raymond A LaFrenierre, Adaawe Management Corporation; Cheryl Bateman, Roberta Haley and Brenda Merta, Iowa Health System; Viviane Burris, Sean Palmer, and Manish Senexa, PMP, Pearson; Neil Murrin and Ron Smith, Rockwell Collins. We are glad to have you join the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter!

Want to join PMI and/or our Chapter? Click through to our membership page located at

<http://www.pmieasterniowa.org/membership.htm>

### PMI Chapter Transfers:

If you have a need to transfer chapters because you have moved or relocated due to employment location changes, contact [componenttransfer@pmi.org](mailto:componenttransfer@pmi.org).

### PMI Member Contact Updates:

Contact the Director of Member Relations at [director.memberrelations@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:director.memberrelations@pmieasterniowa.org).

## 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.



## Web Site Statistics - Top Ten Most Active Pages

pages-url	Viewed	Average size	Entry	Exit
/index.htm	139	3.45 KB	114	63
/calendar.htm	39	21.86 KB	3	13
/courses.htm	30	8.94 KB	3	14
/pdu.htm	24	29.66 KB	7	15
/contacts.htm	19	10.57 KB	1	4
/Dixon.htm	16	9.35 KB	10	11
/newsletter.htm	16	10.88 KB		
/Membership.htm	15	14.71 KB		3
/jobs.htm	14	6.48 KB		3
/docs/newsletter/PMI_Eastern_Iowa_Newsletter_2006_April.pdf	12	186.75 KB		1

## PMI Chapter Neighborhood - Adjacent Chapter Web Sites

Do you sometimes desire to know what is going on in neighboring PMI chapters. Consider investing some time on the available websites of PMI chapters located within and adjacent to Iowa. Their website addresses are listed below.

- Iowa - Central Iowa Chapter - <http://www.pmi-centraliowa.org/>
- Iowa - Quad City Area Chapter - <http://www.pmiqcareachapter.org/>
- Illinois - Chicagoland Chapter - <http://www.pmi-chicagoland.org/>
- Illinois - Central Illinois Chapter - <http://www.pmi-cic.org/>
- Minnesota - <http://www.pmi-mn.org/home.phtml>
- Missouri - KC Mid-America - <http://www.kcpmichapter.org/>
- Missouri - Metropolitan St. Louis - <http://www.stlouispmi.org/>
- Missouri - Mid-Missouri - <http://www.pmimidmo.org/>
- Nebraska - Heartland - <http://www.pmiheartland.org/>
- Wisconsin - La Crosse - <http://www.lacrossepmi.org/>
- Wisconsin - Madison/South Central - <http://www.pmi-madison.org/>
- Wisconsin - Northeast - <http://www.pmi-new.org/>
- Wisconsin - Milwaukee/Southeast - <http://www.pmi-milwaukee.org/>

Other U.S PMI chapter websites can be found on the PMI national web site (<http://www.pmi.org>). Go to the PMI national site, select Global Membership and Communities within the top menu blocks, and select Chapters within its drop down menu. When the new page shows, select Chapters Within the U.S. within the left navigation bar.

## Chapter Sponsored Professional Development (subject to change)

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Time	Course ID	Cost	PDUs	Location	Title
05/15/06	5 - 9pm	C100-1700	\$125 PMI Member \$150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Quality Management and Defect Detection / Prevention
06/19/06	5 - 9pm	C100-1800	\$125 PMI Member \$150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Communications Management and Performance Reporting
07/18/06	5 - 9pm	C100-1900	\$125 PMI Member \$150 Non-Member	4	UI MBA CTR Cedar Rapids	Project Procurement and Vendor Management

Send questions to [director.professional@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:director.professional@pmieasterniowa.org). A class form is at end of Newsletter.

## Priority Management Training Schedule (subject to change)

The following Priority Management sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Course ID	PDU's	Location	Title
4/13/06	1161-TN0601000	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
5/16/06	1161-TN060100	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
5/17/06	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Lotus Notes
5/18/06	1161-TN0601000	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
6/15/06	1161-TN0601000	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook

Please find more details at [http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop\\_schedule/](http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop_schedule/) or send questions to [rsmith@prioritymanagement.com](mailto: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
4/27/06	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 - L1
4/28/06	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 - L2
5/11/06	2	New Horizons	Microsoft Scheduling Seminar Series: I of III - Scheduling
5/15/06	35	New Horizons	Project Management for Professionals
6/8/06	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
6/9/06	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 - L2
6/22/06	2	New Horizons	Microsoft Scheduling Seminar Series: II of III- Contouring
6/26-6/28	19.5	New Horizons	Project Management for Professionals Exam Preparation
6/29/06	6.5	New Horizons	Project Risk Management
6/30/06	6.5	New Horizons	Project Communication
8/3/06	2	New Horizons	Microsoft Scheduling Seminar Series: III of III- Scheduling Gaps, Fixed Duration, Things that make you go Hmmm?

Visit [www.newhorizonscr.com](http://www.newhorizonscr.com), email [events.cedarrapids@newhorizons.com](mailto:events.cedarrapids@newhorizons.com), or call 319-294-9035.

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**Course Description:**

**Project Quality Management & Defect Detection / Prevention:** This course empowers project managers to become project quality management leaders in their organizations. It gives them the tools they need to effectively manage project quality from the onset of the project. Participants will learn how to plan for early project defect detection and employ strategies, tools, and techniques for conducting work product Peer Reviews. Included in the course are a number of real world exercises that take you from defect identification, rework, and closeout, to defect prevention. You will practice a proactive approach to quality management. In this class participants will learn:

- World class tools used in project quality management
- Proactive planning for product defect detection
- Providing organizational project overviews for quality expectation communication
- Proper preparation for work product peer reviews
- Conducting of work product peer reviews
- Reworking the product based on quality findings
- Following up and completing the project defect detection process
- Learn best practices for project defect prevention

**Course Date & Location:**

May 15 (5:00pm – 9:00pm)  
Kirkwood Community College  
Nielson Hall Room 212  
6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

**Instructor:**

**Jamie Northrup, PMP** has served as a Sr. Manager, Program Manager, and Project Manager in the Aerospace Engineering, Telecommunications, and Academic Industries. He is an original OPM3 team member and OPM3 Second Edition Core team member. He is trained in CMMI through the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University and has taught technology classes as an adjunct professor with Kirkwood Community College.

**Cost:**

The cost of the May 15 “**Project Quality Management & Defect Detection / Prevention**” class is **\$125.00** for chapter members and **\$150.00** for non-chapter members. There are no prerequisites to this course and all of the materials will be provided. Please make checks payable to: PMI, Eastern Iowa Chapter. Please mail checks to: P.O. BOX 1811, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1811. **This form must be completed, mailed, and received by COB May 12<sup>th</sup> 2006. In addition to sending in the form please send an e-mail to [trainingregistration@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:trainingregistration@pmieasterniowa.org) so that we can reserve your seat. Please forward any questions or concerns to [director.professional@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:director.professional@pmieasterniowa.org).**

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