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From the Desk of the President

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Changing of the Guard

As my term of office comes to a close, I would like to thank you, our members, for the opportunity to serve as President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of PMI.

2005 has been a good year for the governance of our chapter, with an infusion of new volunteers and new ideas. Our successes include the Volunteer Rally this past summer, the development of Healthcare and Financial Services programs, and the launch of Social Hosts.

In 2006, the Chapter will continue to provide a wide range of learning and networking opportunities for our members. There will be a Team Building seminar by David Holzer in January, and a full-day seminar by Neal Whitten in March. The PMP Exam Review sessions will be held on 5 consecutive Saturdays from February 25th through March 25th.

2006 will also mark the expansion of the PMI Leadership Institute. The original PMI Leadership Institute (I'm a 2004 graduate) was a face-to-face, immersion-style leadership development experience modeled after Fortune 500 professional leadership training programs. Classes were limited to 25 students, and almost 100 individuals have graduated to-date.

PMI is committed to promoting leadership development as a strategic competency within project management. To accomplish this, the PMI Leadership Institute has been expanded and will be available at no additional costs to all PMI members. For more information on the expanded program, refer to the Leadership Development insert to the September 2005 *PMI Today*. (available online in the Members Area of PMI website).

I think the leadership training and volunteer opportunities provided by PMI and the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter provide a great deal of professional value. I know my career has been enhanced through my association and volunteer service with PMI and the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter, and I challenge you to take full advantage as well

See you on December 8th!

ELECTION RESULTS

The following officers were elected at the November Chapter meeting for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2006:

President	Larry Mack
VP, Treasure & Finance	Ray Luncher
VP, Education & Certification	Shirley Waselko

Congratulations!

January Chapter Meeting Speaker Bio

Michael H. Celender M.S.

Michael H. Celender M.S. has over 16 years of experience developing skills and potential in others. He holds a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.S. in Human Resource Management from LaRoche College. Mike has six years of experience as a Milieu Therapist at Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic. His responsibilities included developing patients' latent skills and abilities to manage their daily pressures relating to stress, conflict, and self-esteem.

Mike has worked as an internal performance and organization development consultant for over ten years with various organizations in the Pittsburgh area including Highmark, UPMC, Heinz, Marconi, Effectiveness Dimensions International, and Coventry Health Care.

Mike has designed, developed, and presented seminars on all aspects of leadership development. He also has provided consultation to various divisions, departments, and work groups for performance improvement and staff development.

Mike holds certifications in Development Dimensions International's "Techniques for an Empowered Workforce", FranklinCovey's "What Matters Most", Lominger Limited's "Leadership Architect Suite of Integrated Tools" and A.S.T.D.'s "Human Performance Improvement". He is also a member of the American Society for Training and Development and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Newsletter Submission Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission Date</u>
February	January 19
March	February 16
April	March 16

Special Announcements

Silver Anniversary for PMI Pittsburgh Chapter And Holiday Celebration

December Monthly Meeting: December 8, 2005

At the Engineer's Society of Western Pennsylvania

Networking and Happy hour: Begins at 5:15 (extended for the holidays)

Dinner: 6:30

Speaker and Discussion: 7:30 until 8:30

Help us celebrate the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter's 25 Anniversary, our chapter accomplishments, and the upcoming Holiday Season! We have a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to – come join the celebration!

Project managers are often the busiest people in organizations today – especially at year end. Balancing everything that a project manager needs to do 1) to manage their project(s), 2) as a manager or employee of any organization and 3) for their family (especially at the holidays) is a daunting task! We've chosen a speaker that will help you simplify and take back control of your own life and still deliver the required scope, on time and within budget, and without scope creep! Patty Kreamer delivers dynamic, customized training programs offering productivity and efficiency solutions as well as strategies to regain wasted time, performance, and energy. Patty has promised us that she can help us all simplify and take back control of our own lives and still deliver meet all of our Holiday and year-end deliverables both on time and within budget!

Dinner Selections:

Chicken Lombardi - Stuffed with artichoke hearts ricotta parsley & romano

Steak Au Poiure - Black pepper crusted with roasted red peppers

Veal Provolone - Scaloppini with Dijon mustard, tomatoes & melted provolone

Scrod Riviera - Broiled with tomato basil vinaigrette, shrimp and provolone

RSVP Information: ESWP, 337 4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
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Program Title: The Power of Simplicity: Choosing to live your life on purpose.



Speaker: Patty Kreamer

Speaker Bio: If you could use four extra weeks each year, Patty Kreamer's topics are for you. Patty delivers dynamic, customized training programs offering productivity and efficiency solutions as well as strategies to regain wasted time, performance and energy. Patty founded the Pittsburgh Professional Organizers, is a qualified member of the National Speakers Association and the National Association of Professional Organizers. Patty is seen regularly in the media as she shares her frank, fun and energetic style with many audiences

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TEAM BUILDING SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY, 2006

Anyone who works on a team has faced the challenges of that environment. There are different personalities, different skill levels, different work styles, etc. In this age of virtual teams, you could easily be working with someone in another country. How successfully does your team work together? To find out ways to improve your team's cohesiveness and ability to work together, mark your calendar for January 25, 2006.

David Holzer will be presenting a seminar on Team Building. This session is a simulation workshop designed to help participants work with people from other cultures, departments, disciplines, etc. Learn how you perceive differences and how you respond to them.

David has experience in corporate training, education, and consulting, including work as a cross-cultural corporate trainer and language instructor.

The session will be held at DeVry University in Downtown Pittsburgh from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The cost of the session is \$110. For certified PMPs, the course will provide 4 PDUs toward re-certification.

To register, see the registration form in this newsletter or go to the Pittsburgh Chapter website at www.pittsburghpmi.org. For more information, contact vp_education@pittsburghpmi.org.

SPRING 2006 – PMP REVIEW CLASS

Are you interested in taking the PMP exam and want to attend a class to help you prepare? Then mark your calendar. The PMP Review Class will be held on five Saturdays in February and March 2006. The dates will be February 25, and March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

The classes will be held at DeVry University on Sixth Avenue in Downtown Pittsburgh.

For PMI members, the price is \$725 and for non-members, it is \$895. In addition to the course materials, additional materials will be provided to help the students study for the exam.

For registration information and to register, visit our website at www.pittsburghpmi.org or see the insert in the December newsletter. Please contact vp_education@pittsburghpmi.org with questions.

PMP REVIEW ONSITE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you planning to take the PMP Review Classes in the Spring of 2006? Would you like to attend at a discounted rate? If so, volunteer to be the onsite coordinator for the classes. This involves greeting and introducing the instructors, handing out and collecting evaluation forms, handing signup of lunch selections for each week, and ensuring the caterer sets up breakfast and lunch on time. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to vp_education@pittsburghpmi.org. The volunteer will be accepted on a first-come basis.

Event Schedule

Date	Program Type	Presenter	Title	Location
12/08/2005	Chapter Meeting & 25 th Anniversary Keynote Presentation	Patty Kreamer	The Power of Simplicity: Choosing to Live Your Life on Purpose	ESWP
1/12/2006	Chapter Meeting	Michael Celender	Leading Remotely	ESWP
1/12/2006	Healthcare SIG	TBD	TBD	ESWP
1/23/2006	IT SIG	Mike Jackson, Coventry Healthcare	Managing IT Projects as an External Consultant	Pittsburgh Technology Council
2/9/2006	Chapter Meeting	Robert Ferguson, SEI	Estimation	ESWP
2/9/2006	Financial Services SIG	TBD	TBD	ESWP
3/9/2006	Chapter Meeting	Ravi Ramamoorthy	Outsourcing Best Practices – An Overview of the eSourcing Capability Model	ESWP
3/9/2006	Healthcare SIG	TBD	TBD	ESWP
3/27/2006	IT SIG Presentation	Vicky Haney, PMP	Scope Management, Part 2	Pittsburgh Technology Council

Please contact Mike Rapach, VP of Programs, at Programs@PittsburghPMI.org if you have a topic you would like to see addressed in a future meeting, if you or someone you know would be interested in presenting, or if you have an advance question for any of our presenters.

New Chapter Members

As of December 1st, the Pittsburgh Chapter has reached the 1000 member milestone!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the chapter:

Rebecca Alsalehi
Kelley S. Anderson
Janice Baxendell
Robert D English Jr.
Jeffrey L Farbacher
Jeffrey T Haag
Keith B. High CMS,GISP
Donna A. Hull
Yvonne I Kearney , PMP
Christine M Kerwood
Leslie A Kirby
Robert P Martin
Robert P Petrovich
Jeffrey Pulcini
Anuradha Roy
Alan D. Shockey , PMP
Harish C SobaChand
Linda I. Vivian
Carol A Williams

New Chapter PMPs

Please join us in congratulating the newest chapter PMP's !

Darryl L. Davis , PMP
David J Erfort , PMP

Chapter Contacts

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Just a reminder to keep your contact information up-to-date in the Members section of the national website, www.pmi.org.

Your monthly newsletter and all other Chapter communications will be sent to your primary e-mail address listed under your Contact Information.



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December Chapter Meeting - Thursday, December 8, 2005
Silver Anniversary for PMI Pittsburgh Chapter And Holiday Celebration

“Power of Simplicity: Choosing to live your life on purpose”

Presenter: Patty Kreamer.

Synopsis: Project managers are often the busiest people in organizations today – especially at year end. Patty has promised us that she can help us all simplify and take back control of our own lives and still deliver meet all of our Holiday and year-end deliverables both on time and within budget!

Where: Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania (ESWP), 337 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Reservations: Call 412-261-4300 and indicate meal selection. Meal selection is available until Tuesday at 5 pm. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal, so please RSVP!

Schedule: 5:15 pm Social Hour / Networking (Cash Bar)
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Presentation

Cost: \$25 for dinner. No cost for presentation only.