

PMI Region 14 Chapter News & Events

A summary of Celebrating and Sharing all things good within our region-

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Welcome to the delayed, waylaid and abbreviated May edition of the Region 14 Newsletter.

Thank you to the 11 chapters who contributed this month and to all of those from the 21 chapters who attended the Regional Conference in Augusta May 2-4th and shared your chapters activities live.

I trust that we will get back on track for the June Edition, which means we need your inputs by the 28th of this month.

For those who were in Augusta, you were challenged for your personal commitments with

What two things will you do within the next few weeks to apply what you learned?

And you were encouraged to have an accountability partner to share that with.

How are you doing with that?

In the next newsletter it would be good to hear from a chapter level, about any new commitments you made as a leadership team to improve your Organizations Health, or what big take away did you leave with that you are implementing.

While we always have more to do than we have the time for, remember that if everything is most important nothing is!

For those who were unable to attend, you were missed, and you missed a great time!

The presentations and breakout session topics and discussions are posted on the region 14 leadership site which you can find at mypmi.com, under communities, then online communities. I challenge you to poke around that site and to get involved in some of the discussions or start your own.

This year's conference theme was Progressive Collaboration- Moving to Action.

We had several goals-

- Learning- learning something about each other, from each other and with each other
- Focusing on a future we can change and not a past we cannot change
- Focus on our similar challenges and opportunities, and not so much on our unique differences
- Have some Fun!

From where I sat, I saw a lot of that going on.

We also heard about creating a culture of clarity, alignment, discipline, innovation, collaboration and change.

A culture happens whether you want it to or not. The only question is how hard are you going to try and influence it?

A Special Thanks again to Team Augusta- and to all of attendees for a job well done!

John Watson

CHAPTER UPDATES:

NORTH ALABAMA - [HTTP://WWW.NORTHALABAMAPMI.ORG/](http://www.northalabamapmi.org/)

With membership continuing past our previous all-time high and currently hovering around 600, PMI-NAC continues to offer a robust schedule of Monthly Luncheons and the on-going PMP Exam Prep Course, and we are planning to begin a Breakfast option in the next month.

On Apr 16th, we enjoyed an engaging presentation by Elizabeth Fleming on Stakeholder Engagement. Mrs Fleming, the Executive Director of a Non-Profit engaged in increasing the academic landscape with the Huntsville-area public schools system, provided us with insight from the perspective of a non-profit, which varies slightly from the Defense Industry environment that most of our members work within. However, the discussion on engaging stakeholders who often have competing interests, resonated with everyone. Her question & answer session included some frank interchanges of her lessons learned.

Our Spring PMP Exam Prep Course kicked off April 2nd with a record number of 30 students- slightly over our limit with a few more turned away, forcing us to consider other options for a larger venue for Fall. This low-cost Prep Course is fast becoming our Flagship Offering, and even though we keep the price point extremely low, the volume of students still provides us with a healthy profit that enables us a great degree of fiscal flexibility. The course will continue through May 23rd with a proctored study group continuing as far beyond as required for students to prepare for the exam. We still have the study group from the Fall Course active as the last few students prepare for the exam, and have found that keeping the group cohesive as they prepare increases the odds of students actually taking (and passing) the exam.

Based on feedback and discussions with other chapters, our VP Programs, Kevin Hoey, is looking into the feasibility and supportability of our starting a Bi-Monthly or Quarterly Breakfast Speaker to provide the option for those who cannot make the Monthly Luncheons.

On April 30th we will have our Spring Networking Social at Bridge Street's The Scene Lounge. This outreach venue provides us an opportunity to invite non-members who may be interested in PMI Membership and/or the PMP. In years past we had scheduled "Chapter Socials" for our membership but these were very sparsely attended. The Fall Social was our first attempt to change the format to an outreach venue, and the wide attendance showed us that this approach is best for us. The end result creates a venue that is actually more fun for the members who attend and may have contributed to our increase in membership this last year.

We look forward to interchanges with other chapters at the May R14 in Augusta where we can continue to trade notes in the interest of better engaging our members. PMI-NAC will be represented by our Chapter President and Past-Pres.

MONTGOMERY ALABAMA - [HTTP://WWW.PMIMONTGOMERY.ORG](http://www.pmimontgomery.org)

Our Member Relations & Networking Team is pleased to announce that both membership and volunteer participation are growing! Our new approach to volunteer project definition, recruitment, management and rewards is beginning to show results in increased chapter productivity. April success story!

Volunteer Tommy Kile is supporting a marketing project designed to equip board members to use organizational assets available through the PMI Marketing Portal and is likely to result in new projects.

Our Executive Team is working to implement a solution to facilitate debit/credit card payments “At the Door” for dinner meeting attendees. We are cleaning up our procedures for archiving Chapter documents such as Board meeting minutes, Bylaws, Annual Charter, etc. to allow easier access for future Boards.

Our Marketing and Brand Team continues to examine how exactly to utilize social media to positively influence the local project management community into more actively participating in PMI.

Members of the Board are studying “Mind-Mapping” software products as possible tools for collaborative development and maintenance of strategic planning, operations, and other Board-maintained policies, processes, procedures and documents.

BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA - [HTTP://WWW.PMIBIRMINGHAM.ORG](http://www.pmibirmingham.org)

PMI BIRMINGHAM 2013 SYMPOSIUM

- Symposium will be held on May 9, 2013 at the Rosewood Hall, Homewood, Alabama
- PMI Birmingham will award up to 8 Professional Development Units for participating in this event.
- Contact Information: www.bhamsymposium@pmibirmingham.org or view our website at www.pmibirmingham.org for information and registration.

Fall 2013 UAB IS PMI-Birmingham Project Management Certificate course

- The course will again start Saturday, September 7th, 2013. If you are interested in taking the course please see the file on our website: www.pmibirmingham.org which contains a brief description, the schedule, and the registration form. If you have taken the course thank you for your support and please pass this information to others who may be interested.

Spring 2013 PMP Exam Prep Course

- PMI Birmingham is proud to sponsor the Spring 2013 PMP Exam Prep Course. This course consists of 8 regular sessions and 2 extra sessions that will help prepare students for the PMP exam. The course covers key components of the exam, including the nine knowledge areas, and is facilitated by experienced Project Management Professionals.

PMI Birmingham is partnered with Roeder Consulting to bring interactive online project management courses to our members.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA - [HTTP://WWW.PMICFC.ORG/](http://www.pmicfc.org/)

The Central Florida chapter has quite a few exciting opportunities, not only for our members, but for any project managers in the region.

We are excited to announce our 2nd Annual Symposium – was a huge success!!! – if you were not able to come you can check out the presentations and handouts from some of the speakers on the website or you can log on to the twitter conference using #pmicf13 and find out what happened. Stay tuned as pictures from the event and a video will be posted shortly.

PMI Central Florida Chapter has partnered with Academy Leadership to provide you an excellent value in one of the premier leadership excellence courses in the country. A powerful, game-changing leadership course and coaching program for experienced Managers and Project Managers.

PMI Members enter the appropriate code during registration:PMICFC13 for the special \$300 savings when you enroll by May 13. Enroll by May 13, 2013. Program materials mailed to participants 2 weeks prior to event. After May 13, contact Jason directly to see if late enrollment is available. Contact Jason Walker at 407-489-6017 or jwalker@academyleadership.com

We are offering of our PMP Prep Certification Course / PMP Refresher Course for the PMBOK® - Fourth Edition. This will be the last class offered for the PMBOK Fourth Edition material and allow the students one month to take the PMP exam before the exam changes to the Fifth Edition material. Students taking the course to prepare for their certification exam will earn 27 contact hours, which can be used to help qualify towards their educational requirements. Students taking the course as a refresher will earn 27 PDUs

The course length is 27 hours of instruction over three Saturdays at 9 hours per day. Each Saturday begins with student sign-in at 7:30am and includes a light breakfast. Classes begin at 8am and ends at 5pm (includes a working lunch). The next course date is scheduled for June 15, 22, and 29, 2013. For additional information about registration, please contact Hong-Ting Chen your Director of Student Registration at: dirstudentmanagement@pmicfc.org

The PMI Central Florida Chapter is providing an academic scholarship to be administered by the PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) Scholarship and Awards Program.

Click here to find out more -
http://www.pmicfc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=253:pmicfc-scholarship&catid=94

NORTHEAST FLORIDA - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-NEFL.ORG/](http://www.pmi-nefl.org/)

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SOUTH FLORIDA - [HTTP://WWW.SOUTHFLORIDAPMI.ORG/](http://www.southfloridapmi.org/)

The South Florida Chapter is proudly celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. In recognition of this major milestone, PMI provided the Chapter with anniversary pins bearing the Chapter's logo. The pins were distributed to all attendees at the Chapter's Dinner Seminar in April, and remaining pins will be

distributed to attendees of upcoming Chapter events. Check out the Chapter's website to see a picture of the pin: <http://www.southfloridapmi.org/>

Membership and Programs

Since its founding in 1988 the chapter has seen its membership grow from a few dozen members to over 1,600 today. In that period it has partnered with business and educational communities to offer innovative programs that have been recognized throughout South Florida. In addition, it has won awards for:

- Component of the Year (Category II) - 2004
- Component Award for Volunteer Program - 2005
- Component Leadership (Kim Caruthers, Past President) – 2006
- Component of the Year (Category III) – 2007

2013 Chapter Focus

This year, the Chapter will focus on increasing its outreach through social media while continuing to offer programs and events that will increase the value proposition for its members, sponsors and partners.

Past Events

April 26 Professional Development Day (PDD)

The South Florida Chapter Professional Development Day, held on Friday, April 26th was a huge success with more than 200 attendees. Keynote Speaker Steve Hegele discussed the importance of critical relationships for Project Managers.

Center of Excellence

50 people attended the Center of Excellence event on March 21st where Andy from Version One talked about agile coaching. It was an excellent event with useful takeaways that will be put in use.

Upcoming Events

Other events coming up in the summer and fall include the Think Tank, Academic Outreach and Day of Excellence.

May Trainings

- 2-Day PMP Certification Prep Course – Consecutive Saturdays - **May 04**
- 4-day PMP Prep Boot Camp DADE - **May 06**
- 4-day PMP Prep Boot Camp BROWARD -**May 13**
- 1 Day PMP Preparation Course Difficult Topics - **May 18**

Region 14 Conference

Five of our board members are planning to attend the Region 14 conference in Augusta, Georgia in May.

SPACE COAST - [HTTP://WWW.PMISPACECOAST.ORG/](http://www.pmispacecoast.org/)

After an action-packed month of March, the PMI Space Coast FL Chapter had a relatively quiet April. Our monthly dinner meeting featured James T. Brown, Ph.D. of speaking about "Change Management: The Undercover Role of the Project Manager". The speaker and topic were both very well-received.

On Monday, April 8, the Chapter went live with its new website. Some changes were fairly subtle, but the new website offers a bit more flash, a cleaner, crisper interface, and a rotating banner. Check it out at: <http://www.pmispacecoast.org/>. The Chapter also introduced the single sign-on process to our website. Although the process worked with many browsers, the Chapter experienced some issues with several other browsers. PMI and StarChapter are working to resolve these issues and we expect the process to be working again soon.

The Chapter hosted a PMP Prep Course on April 25-27, 2013. Frank Saladis, PMP, President of Project Imagers, Inc. instructed approximately 11 students. Frank has led many PMP Prep courses for the Chapter in the past and has a high rate of success. Frank is the Originator/founder of the International Project Management Day.

Upcoming PMI Space Coast Florida Events:

- **May 7, 2013:**
 - PMI Space Coast Lunch and Learn Webinar
 - Speaker: Mark Laposky, PMP, Founder of Space Age Projects, LLC
 - Topic: PMI Professional Certifications (overview of the six Project Management Institute (PMI) professional certifications)
- **June 10, 2013:**
 - Monthly Chapter Dinner Meeting
 - Speaker: Anthony Reed, CPA, PMP, MBA, MS
 - Topic: Nailing Gelatin to the Wall or How to Gather Requirements

For additional information on PMI Space Coast FL Chapter, please contact Chapter President Rick Baker, PMP at president@pmispacecoast.org. or visit our website <http://pmispacecoast.org/meetinginfo.php?id=87&ts=1366724459>

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SUN COAST - [HTTP://WWW.SUNCOASTPMI.ORG/](http://www.suncoastpmi.org/)

April Chapter Meeting

Our April 10th speaker was Commander Stephen Dryden of the Australian Army and the Chief of the CIO Support Branch at USCENCOM in Tampa, FL. His topic this month was "**CRIKEY! DID SOMEONE SAY, 'IT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT'?**"

May Chapter Meeting

Our May 8th Speaker will be Jerome Coleman and his topic will be "**COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP: A WINNING TEAM**". .

ACP Exam Prep

GR8PM taught the first Suncoast PMI sponsored ACP Exam Prep course! Though attendance was lower than hoped for, the result of the effort was outstanding for those who did attend. Our Past President, Becky Hartman, attended and is very satisfied with the outcome and has her plan to take and pass the exam in the next 6 weeks. The class learned both “Blue Sky” (real world application) and “Green Sky” (PMI world application) for the exam from Kevin Reilly, the GR8PM class instructor. Highly recommend this opportunity to other chapters!

Volunteer Appointees to BoD

Thrilled to bring on new appointee to our BoD:

- Naigaish Brown – VP of Sponsorship
- We will have further announcements coming in the following months... we are learning to capitalize better on our volunteers and provide them with the appropriate information to capitalize on the value we can offer to them. Win-Win!

TALLAHASSEE - [HTTP://WWW.PMITLH.ORG/](http://www.pmitlh.org/)

TAMPA BAY - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-TAMPABAY.ORG/](http://www.pmi-tampabay.org/)

Our 2013 Spring PMP Prep Class has completed and it was our largest class to date with over 70 attendees.

Our May Board meeting is schedule for May 13, 2013

As part of our regular monthly chapter dinner meeting for May (20th) we're hosting a New Member Orientation, lead by Len Tarranova; our VP of Member Services.

The May Dinner (20th) and Lunch that follows it on the 21st, features Pete Matassa who's topic is Managing Risk; with Minimal Budget Dollars and Schedule Hours.

We continue to promote volunteer opportunities for the chapter on our website, as well as through personal networking.

We've announced a PMI Tampa Bay Golf Tournament for June 22, 2012 at The Eagles Golf Club in Odessa (North Tampa), FL. The format is Scramble with a shotgun start. Check out

our website if you're interested.

We've planned an additional PDD Interactive Seminar on "The Practice of Program Management" on July 19, 2013.

We have an Agile Certified Practitioner (ACP) Preparation Seminar scheduled for May 11th and 12th, 2013.

Our attendee's are set for the Region 14 Conference May 2 through May 4, 2014 in Augusta, GA.

We've announced a Non-Academic Scholarship Program, designed to financially assist Chapter Member Applicants in contact hours for PMP, CAPM, PgMP, PMI-SP or PMI-RMP, admission to PMP, CAPM, PgMP, PMI-SP, or PMI_RPM exam preparation courses or PDU required hours for maintaining PMI Certification.

Registration as well as more details about our 9th Annual Symposium September 13th and 14th 2013; this year's theme is "Passport to Excellence", are available on our web site (PMI-TampBay.org). The Sheraton East is the site of this year's Symposium, located at 10221 Princess Palm Avenue in Tampa, FL. Keynote Speakers our Mike Weber "Breaking the Unwritten Rules" on Friday and Joe Navarro "Nonverbals for Exceptional Organizations" on Saturday Morning.

EMERALD COAST FLORIDA CHAPTER - [HTTP://WWW.PMIEMERALDCOASTFL.ORG/](http://www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/)

Our 4th Annual Spring Symposium was held on April 6th at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The keynote speaker for this event, John Laurence Busch, provided an interesting blend of history and project management topics in discussing his recent book "The Steam Coffin - Captain Moses Rogers and the Steamship Savannah Break the Barrier." We learned the difference between a steamboat and a steamship; and also learned about the three primary elements in Moses Rogers' management of this cutting-edge project of building a steam powered ocean going vessel.

As a first step in our commitment to Northwest Florida State College (PM) students - our chapter's past president, Bonnie McClure, recently presented a classroom session on "a Day in the Life of a PM" - complete with business cards and common-sense career advice. Bonnie reports there was plenty of "good interaction" during the class. In fact, two of their students volunteered to work the registration table for our Spring Symposium.

Our new chapter website, courtesy of Star Chapter, is nearing completion; and we are now receiving training to prepare us to use all the new processes available.

We are proud to be represented at this year's Region 14 Leadership Meeting by the Director of our Panama City, FL Chapter Branch. Gerson Cedeno has been a member of their Chapter Branch Board for several years and currently serves as its Director.

For more information on the PMI Emerald Coast FL Chapter, please contact Chapter President,

Caroline Pepa at president@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org or visit our website at <http://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/> .

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ATLANTA - [HTTP://WWW.PMIATLANTA.ORG/](http://www.pmiatlanta.org/)

COLUMBUS - [HTTP://WWW.PMICOLUMBUSGA.ORG](http://www.pmicolumbusga.org)

SAVANNAH RIVER - [HTTP://WWW.PMIAUGUSTAAIKEN.ORG/](http://www.pmiaugustaaiken.org/)

COASTAL EMPIRE - [HTTP:// WWW.PMISAVANNAH.COM](http://www.pmisavannah.com)

CHARLESTON - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-CHARLESTON.ORG/](http://www.pmi-charleston.org/)

Annual Leadership Summit April 1-3: PMI – Charleston co-sponsored the Annual Leadership Summit with SCGMIS, which was held in downtown Charleston at the Francis Marion Hotel April 1-3. Speakers' presentations have been posted to the SCGMIS website - go to <http://scgmis.org> for more details.

April Monthly Meeting (4/18) – Sally Burnett, CVA, CIRS, the Community Volunteer Coordinator for the Trident United Way (TUW). Ms. Burnett of TUW, with help from Stacy Mack and Pat O'Hearn of PMI - Charleston spoke about the TUW Project Assessment Team (PAT), a volunteer opportunity to help TUW member agencies plan Day of Caring Events. This volunteer effort provides PDUs for PMI Volunteers. Many PMI-Charleston members expressed interest in volunteering for this worthy cause.

Upcoming events: Monthly Meetings: all on 3rd Thursday of Month 11:30 – 1:00

May 16 – Hazel Whittington/Good, Bad, & Ugly of Communication

- Venue - Embassy Suites, North Charleston

June 20 – Russ Darnell, Director of Project Management @ Walden University

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

July 18 – Rick Brisbin – Topic TBD

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

August 15 – Red Cross/Project Management in Extreme Conditions

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

September 19 - PMI Charleston Scholarship Awards Student presentations

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

October 17 – TBD

- Venue- Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

November 21 - Susan Meevers, Chas. County Aviation Authority

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

Destination Charleston | PMI Seminar @ Sea October 23 – 28, 2013 Wednesday to Monday – in case you didn't know, Charleston was voted the top tourist city in the world in 2012. In conjunction with local business partners, we are hosting our 3rd Learning Cruise. We encourage people to visit Charleston, jump on a 5-day cruise, and earn 16 PDUs. We are offering the top destination in the world, a cruise, and PDUs – who could ask for more? Please visit our website for more information. www.pmi-charleston.org

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PALMETTO - [HTTP://WWW.PALMETTOCHAPTER.COM/](http://www.palmettochapter.com/)

MIDLANDS - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-MIDLANDS.ORG/](http://www.pmi-midlands.org/)

CHATTANOOGA - [HTTP://WWW.CHATTANOOGAPMI.ORG/](http://www.chattanooga PMI.org/)

EAST TENNESSEE - [HTTP://WWW.ETPMI.ORG/](http://www.etpmi.org/)

MEMPHIS - [HTTP://WWW.PMIMEMPHIS.ORG/](http://www.pmi-memphis.org/)

NASHVILLE - [HTTP://WWW.PMINASHVILLE.COM/](http://www.pmi-nashville.com/)

The PMI Nashville Board Members was on a high in April from our most successful symposium yet. This year, we wanted to do things differently so we implemented a two-day format and hired an outside agency, Ampersand Media Group, to manage our sponsor outreach and concept our networking event.

I'm proud to say our investment was well worth it as we broke records on various fronts:

- Even with only six weeks for outreach, we secured 30% more sponsorship dollars than we did at our previous symposium.
- We had the highest turnout of registrants in our history: 407 attendees – nearly 40% more than the previous year.
- We hosted our first Wine, Chocolate & Cheese Tasting sponsored by the area's finest cheese purveyors, chocolatiers and wineries.
- We officially launched the PMI Nashville scholarship program with a silent auction featuring Segway tour packages, symphony tickets, an autographed Titans football, and other prizes donated by community partners.

In addition to our symposium, we participated in TechVille. This is an annual event for the Nashville Technology Council (NTC). TechVille 2013 is the NTC's annual flagship event focusing on the state of technology in our region and highlighting technology innovation, talent, and entrepreneurship. This was a great opportunity for us to showcase PMI and the project management profession.

May upcoming events:

HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT: WIN-WIN PERSUASION STRATEGIES FOR TODAY'S PROJECT WORKPLACE

— Tuesday, May 07, 2013, 09:00am - 12:00pm

. This unique workshop uses live actors with professional trainers to learn techniques in a fun, interactive, and memorable setting. Participation in scenes is not required.

The State of Tennessee's Approach to Improved Technology Projects

— Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 05:30pm - 07:00pm

Learn about the State's approach to improving the performance of its High Profile, High Risk and High Cost Information Technology projects.

PMI Nashville May Luncheon - Demystifying the PMBOK Planning Processes – Simplifying the Linkages

— Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 11:30am - 01:00pm

This presentation outlines the linkages between the processes, showing a step-by-step relationship between project initiation and establishing scope, schedule, budget and other planning elements

Conflict 101 for Teams: Essential conflict resolution techniques for a project team environment

— Thursday, May 23, 2013, 09:00am - 12:00pm

Is conflict hurting your teams? Do your teams have poor communication? Do the different styles on your team work well together? Learn how to identify your own style and work well together with the different styles on your team as the first step to resolving and managing conflict.

DOCTOR BIRD -JAMAICA [HTTP://WWW.PMIJDBC.ORG/](http://www.pmijdbc.org/)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION