

Next Chapter Meeting

July 15, 2009 (Wednesday)

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

The Yard Restaurant
Manchester, NH

Topic: " *The Importance of Networking*"

Speakers: Tammy Hildreth and Joe Guilfoyle – NetworkForWork®

Topic: " *Using LinkedIn*"

Speaker: Michael Thompson

Couldn't attend? See Pg. 4
for a summary...

From the President's Desk

As I start my term as President, I would like you to join with me in a wholehearted thank you to Diane George (Past-President) and the entire Board for the hard work they have done this past year to keep the chapter running smoothly.

We will be looking for a few more volunteers to help us continue delivering a great experience, if you have interest in that please make that know to any of the Board Members.

Congratulation to Salvatore Angelone, PMP as he transitions from his role as Director of Education, to President Elect and to Lynda Sawicki, PMP as she continues her role as Recording Secretary. With the current economic conditions and many members working harder due to reduced head counts, or out of work, I want to ensure that the meetings are effective for the membership and to that end your own personal objectives. With that in mind please feel free to contact me with your thought, or ideas on how we can better serve that goal.

If there is topic that you think would be interesting, please contact Courtney Henry at programs@pmi-nh.org.

We are growing as a chapter and with that we have had a few pains as we adjust to our larger role in the community. Our Marketing Director Symantha Gates has been working to get our message out to other groups, both promoting the chapter and PMI.

As always we are looking for articles to place in the newsletters, tell us about your projects, success, failures, or just plain unique! We have folks that can help you edit your article or story if required, contact, newsletter@pmi-nh.org.

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Editor's Note

The last event of the year will be at the Yard on July 15th, starting at 6:00pm. This will be a little different event as we have arranged guided networking and a presentation on LinkedIn to help improve your networking skills and enjoy 1 PDU. We will be having light food, (Hors D'oeuvres) as you will be moving around during the "Speed Networking" portion of the meeting. There are about 450 chapter members, how many do you know? The cost for this event is a modest \$15.00 and we would love to meet you!

If you can't make the July meeting, please accept the well wishes from all of us at PMI New Hampshire for a safe and healthy summer. See you in September.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Peeples Jr.
President
PMI New Hampshire Chapter

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at:

president@pmi-nh.org

Calendar of Events:

PMI Mass Bay Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
None scheduled for July 2009
Location/Time:

Topic:

Presenter:

<http://www.pmimassbay.org/content>

See Events – Chapter Meetings link for details.

PMI Central Mass Chapter
4 PDU Event - August 11, 2009
Location/Time:

Topic: Communicate with Confidence, Integrity and Flair

Presenter: Star Dargin

**Gregory Barros
and Lisa DiTullio**

See <http://www.pmicmass.com/> for details

PMI Greater Monadnock Region Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
No scheduled meeting
Location/Time:

Topic:

Presenter:

See <http://www.pmi-keene.org> for details.

PMI Ocean State Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
See:

<http://www.oceanstatepmi.org/newsite/events.html>

Education & Professional Development

Important note...The Freemont Study Group session has been discontinued...please see the information for the Merrimack Session, or contact Salvatore at the address below with questions.

PMI-New Hampshire begins another round of PMP Study Group sessions *starting* July 9th from 7-9PM in the **Merrimack YMCA in Merrimack, NH**. Classes will meet on the following dates: 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, and 10/1.

These classes offer up to 26 contact hours towards the PMI required minimum (35) to sit for your PMP exam.

NOTE: Mentors are needed!

Classes are being held at following location:

Merrimack:Merrimack YMCA

6 Henry Clay Drive

Merrimack, NH 03054

13 weeks- Begins 7/9/2009.

7:00 - 9:00pm

Phone (603) 881-7778

Register for Merrimack classes!!

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=182244>

Contact: Salvatore Angelone, PMP Director of Education at: education@pmi-nh.org for additional information or online at <http://www.pmi-nh.org/education.htm>

2009 Chapter Meeting PDU's

February:

Activity Title: Agile SCRUM Is Not a Bad Word: A Traditional Project Manager' s Agile Case Study
Speaker: Peggy McGrath, PMP
Program Number: C238-20090218
PDUs Awarded: 1.25
Date of Completion: February 18, 2009

March:

Activity Title: Project Lessons from the Great Escape (Stalag Luft III)
Speaker: Mark Kozak-Holland, PMP
Program Number: C238-20090318
PDUs Awarded: 1
Date of Completion: March 18, 2009

April:

Activity Title: Soft Skills: Beyond Agile
Speaker: Greg Chenevert
Program Number: C238-20090415
PDUs Awarded: 1
Date of Completion: April 15, 2009

May:

Activity Title: Influence Without Authority
Speaker: Seamus Gahan
Program Number: C238-20090520
PDUs Awarded: 1
Date of Completion: May 20, 2009

June:

Activity Title: Agile Case Study 2
Speaker: Bob Fischer
Program Number: C238-20090617
PDUs Awarded: 1.5
Date of Completion: June 17, 2009

Go online to

<http://www.pminh.org/PreviousMeetings.htm>

for additional meeting PDU information and access to the convenient online PDU reporting link.

July Meeting Summary

The chapter meeting this month was a combination of presentations and structured networking. There was a great turnout with more than 50 members attending.

The kickoff presentation was from Tammy Hildreth and Joe Guilfoyle, both founding members of the local group *Network For Work*. The group provides a professional network to form business relationships.

They both emphasized the point that the chance of finding that next position by relying on a search through job postings is small. In fact, there are statistics showing that 90% of positions are filled through networking.

As part of putting this to use at the meeting, members attending were first introduced to the concept used by *Network For Work*. Once getting oriented to the fundamental ideas behind a structured small group networking activity, they had the chance to try it out first hand.

Following the structured networking was a presentation from Michael Thompson on using LinkedIn. He reviewed using LinkedIn as an important resource to maintain a professional contact network. The presentation was structured to help members build or maintain and learn more about the many features this service offers.

One point Michael emphasized was the strict focus of LinkedIn on professional and business networking.

There were many suggestions including increased visibility through participation in group topic discussions so you'll be more visible as part of active networking.

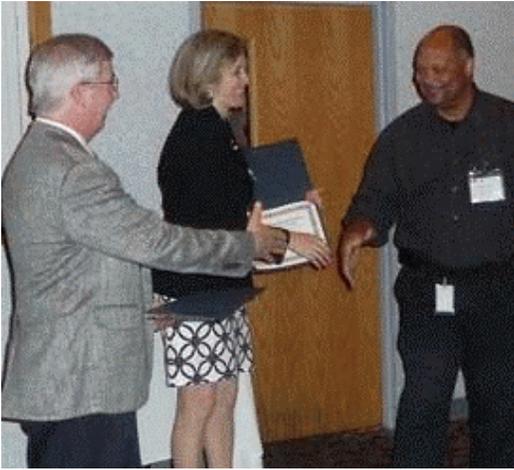
Members attending had a very positive response to the meeting structure and presentations.

Dennis Wilson "liked the format" of the meeting and felt that there were "specific ideas for networking" that he could apply as a result of attending.

Another member, Chris von Pichl, felt the networking presentation was useful in eliminating any apprehension about how to participate and make the process work effectively.



The July meeting at the Yard in Manchester was attended by more than 50 members from the chapter.



Courtney Henry, PMP - Director of Programs (right) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Tammy Hildreth (center) and Joe Guilfoyle (left) both of Network For Work.

Speaker biographies

Tammy Hildreth has project management experience that include the areas of Financial Services, Healthcare (commercial and government), Telephony and Software Development.

Joe Guilfoyle has a background that includes extensive coaching and team management experience that includes recruiting, hiring, training, development and process improvement.

Michael Thompson is a Sales and Business Development Professional who started using LinkedIn over 5 years ago. Michael has been using it for a number of everyday needs and now is conducting seminars to help promote the benefits of LinkedIn to others.

Additional resources:

NetworkForWork®

NetworkForWork provides a professional network to form business relationships that foster and promote career opportunities. We offer services and information to meet current and future career development needs.

Visit the website at:
<http://www.NetworkForWork.com>

PMI – NH

See the Previous meetings page at the chapter website for copies of meeting presentations.

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Editor's Note

The common theme for the July chapter meeting can best be summed up by one word – active.

One way to strengthen your network is through participation in chapter activities. A small sampling of members attending the presentations all had the common response that they were able to learn as well as take away something useful with their participation.

There are a number of ways to actively participate in the chapter, from attending the monthly meetings to other volunteer activities as Ray mentioned in his monthly letter. Mentoring as part of the PMI-PMP Study Group can help someone working toward their certification exam.

Keep in mind...the next scheduled chapter meeting is in **September**...no August meeting is scheduled!

Write away! – Do you have news or a short article that you'd like to see included in the newsletter?

Contact me at:

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