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End of year quickly approaching!

If you are like me, you are probably wondering what happened to this fall, or more to the point, this year? As we move into the final two months of 2007, there are still many events and opportunities for learning and enhancing your project management skills and career. Many of you will require some PDUs to maintain your PMP status. Please see below and our website for additional details of programs offered and volunteer opportunities to satisfy the requirement.

Along these lines, it is also not too soon to begin thinking about 2008 and your potential role for volunteering, especially for leadership positions within the chapter. The benefits of your involvement are many. While it is true PDUs are earned, possibly the most important benefit is the opportunity to develop and hone your leadership skills. You have an opportunity to bring your experience, enthusiasm, energy, creative thinking, and expertise to a position to help shape the future of the chapter. If you have the interest I encourage you to explore the opportunity for running for a leadership position and making the most out of your PMI experience.

If you are interested in learning more about the positions see the information below, check the chapter website, or specifically, email me or any one of our current board members for additional insight.

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Chapter Board Elections for 2008 - Nominations Sought

The 2007 nominating committee has been formed with Roger Day as the committee chair. It is exciting to have Roger on the committee as he is both a PMI Memphis TN chapter charter member as well as a member of the first board of directors in 1999. Roger served as our first chapter president.

The Board of Directors for the PMI Memphis TN chapter consists of the following elected officers:

- President
- VP Communication
- VP Education
- VP Finance
- VP Programs
- VP Publications
- VP Public Relations
- VP Special Events

Debbie Flaherty, current chapter president, announced the beginning of the nominating period at the chapter's seventh annual professional development day on October 25. Motions and nominations for chapter officers can be made. Members will have an opportunity to make motions or nominations at the November meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. To be accepted, the nominee must be a member in good standing. You may not nominate yourself.

Candidate requirements must be received by email or in writing and include the following:

- *Nomination by member "in Good Standing" other than the nominee (i.e. you can't nominate your self)*
- *Member Name*
- *Membership #*
- *Member acceptance of nomination*
- *Membership good through the election year (e.g. membership good through end of 2007 if running for officer of 2008 term). This must be documented either through the VP of Membership or through PMI National.*

[For More Information, Click Here](#)

2007 Professional Development Day Held on October 25, 2007

The PMI Memphis Chapter successfully hosted the 2007 Professional Development Day (PDD), Thursday, October 25, at the Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis. The event drew over 250 attendees, provided a venue for 17 sponsors and exhibitor companies, and allowed several great speakers to enlighten the crowd with excellent points and commentary about leadership and project management.

The event was in conjunction with PMI SeminarsWorld which held their Memphis event on Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24 at the DoubleTree Hotel downtown. Participants of both events earned up to 24 PDUs in just 3 days.

Next year's PDD event will be held Friday August 22, 2008 at the Peabody Hotel. Mark your calendars!

If you attended this year's event, we would like your feedback. Check your email for an invite to provide your comments.

2007 Professional Development Day Sponsors

Please welcome and support our 2007 Sponsors.

Platinum Sponsor: Federal Express

Gold Sponsor: Ciber

Lunch Sponsor: DHA

Mixer Sponsor: Oracle

Program Sponsor: Mimeo.com



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2007 Professional Development Day Exhibitors

Please welcome and support the 2007 Exhibitors at the 2007 Professional Day:



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Upcoming Chapter Meetings Information

November Meeting:

Please join us at Crescent Club (6075 Poplar Avenue Ninth Floor) on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 to hear Marco Chan, CEO of V2 Leadership Group, Inc., speak on "Project Leadership Across Cultures".

Sponsorship of the meeting is by Robert Half, International.

[To Read the Full Event Preview, Click Here](#)

[To Register for the Event, Click Here](#)

December Meeting:

Mark your calendars for the PMI Memphis Annual Business Meeting and Officer Election, Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Refer to the chapter website for additional forthcoming information.

PMP Exam Prep Course - November 14-16

The PMI Memphis TN Chapter PMP Exam Prep Course provides practicing project managers with focused, effective guidance for mastering the PMBOK curriculum and obtaining PMP Certification.

[For More Information, Click Here](#)

[To Register for the Event, Click Here](#)

Tour Memphis - Christian Brothers University - November 14

The next Tour Memphis 2007 event will be held at Christian Brothers University on Wednesday, November 15, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Refer to the chapter website for additional details.

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PMI Member Orientation- November 8

Mark your calendars for the next PMI Memphis Chapter Orientation event to be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at the Memphis Junior League.

[For More Information, Click Here](#)

2007 Mentoring Program

Interested in becoming a Mentor or Mentee to develop your professional skills and earn PDUs?

[To Learn More, Click Here](#)

PMI Program Management Credential Launched (PgMP)

PMI.Org has launched a new credential program for Program Management. The PgMP credential recognizes those practitioners who are responsible for the coordinated management of multiple, related projects that advance organizational objectives and strategic goals.

[For More Information, Click Here](#)

Learning Article -

By Michelle LaBrosse, PMP - Chief Cheetah - Cheetah Learning

"Buying Time: How to Put More Hours in Every Day"

How often do we say to one another: I just wish there were more hours in the day? Well, there can be. When you use Project Management techniques to your advantage, you can be singing the Rolling Stones classic, Time Is on My Side.

Here are some of my favorite time-saving tips that you can apply both to your business and home life.

Avoid the Long, Rambling To-Do List.

One thing that gets many of us in trouble is when we have enormous To-Do lists that have no prioritization, and they just continue to grow like a pile of laundry. What's dangerous about this is that we get overwhelmed and the To-Do list starts to become the enemy instead of our ally.

[To Read the Entire Article, Click Here](#)

Chapter Statistics

Total Number of Global PMI Members (through Aug 31, 2007): 245,933

Total Number of Memphis TN Chapter Members

(through September 30, 2007):

542

Total Number of Members with PMP Certification:

305

Percentage of Membership with PMP Certification:

57%

Number of New Members: 10

Number of New PMPs: 2

Welcome New Members:

[Karen Castro](#)

[Ian Ford](#)

[Steve Partain](#)

[Zhuohong Chen](#)

[William Jones](#)

[Heather Rodriguez](#)

[Rebecca Cohen](#)

[Robin King, PMP](#)

[William Deweese](#)

[Babu Manikandan](#)

Congratulations New PMPs:

[Jason T. Hargrove, PMP](#)

[Theresa G Williamson, PMP](#)

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