

PMI NEWSLETTER

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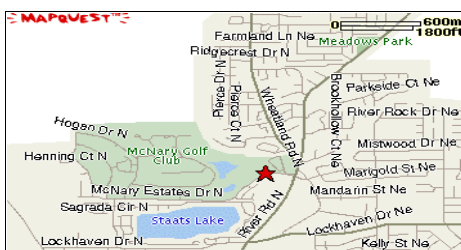
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Directions to Luncheon Meeting Location:

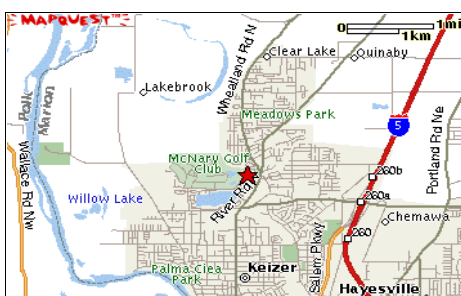
From Downtown Salem:

Proceed north on High Street. This street will change its name to Broadway. Continue north. As you enter Keizer the road changes to River Road. Continue north to McNary Estates Dr. Turn left at the signal and proceed to the restaurant.



From I-5:

Leave the freeway at exit 260-A coming from the north or exit 260 coming from the south. Turn west toward Keizer. Follow Lockhaven to River Road and turn right (north). Proceed to McNary Estates Drive. Turn left at signal and proceed to the restaurant.



Message From Our President:

Government Extension to the PMI's Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®)

The PMI is planning on publishing a government extension to the PMBOK® in 2002. The PMBOK® Guide is a general document that describes the essential features of good project management. It applies to every type of project; however, the guide recognizes that there are generally accepted best practices for particular types of projects, such as government projects. Because these practices are unique to projects of their particular type, they are not described in the PMBOK® Guide. The PMBOK® Guide suggests that an "Application Area Extensions" be written for each such project type. It says: "Application area extensions are necessary when there are generally accepted practices for a category of projects (an application area) that are not generally accepted across the full range of project types. Application area extensions reflect:

- "Unique or unusual aspects of the project environment that the project management team must be aware of in order to manage the project efficiently and effectively."
- "Common practices which, if followed, will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the project."

Every year, governments around the world spend vast sums of money on projects. These projects cross many industries. These industries include Aerospace and Defense; Communications Technologies; Design-Procurement-Construction; Environmental Management; Financial Services; Health Services; Information Systems; Oil, Gas and Petrochemical; Utilities, and many others. Government projects in each of these industries have some features in common with similar private sector projects, but there are also features that are shared by all government projects and that do not occur in the private sector.

The goal of this extension is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the management of government projects. Given the size of the government sector, even a marginal improvement will have enormous benefits to the taxpayers.

The new government extension is

to be used with the PMBOK and not instead of it. The extension will not challenge or conflict with the PMBOK® Guide. It is a companion document. Many of us work with the "unique and unusual" aspects of government projects everyday, and are looking forward to the exposure draft becoming a final standard. To learn more about other project management standards projects visit <http://www.pmi.org/standards/>.

*Julie Mallord, President
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August 16th Program: Project Management Mentoring

Have you ever mentored a junior project manager? Have you ever been mentored during your project management career? Wouldn't it be great to have someone help guide you through the obstacles of managing a project and a team?

This month's program will feature Ron Hittner, who will be speaking to us about project management mentoring.

As organizations grow and internal projects become increasingly complex, it becomes more and more difficult to find project managers with the "right expertise" to lead these important initiatives. One approach that is working for some of these groups is project management mentoring. Tools and training will carry new project managers a long way, but without a mentor to help them through some difficult portions of the project, their effectiveness will be limited.

Ron has been in the IT and Management Consulting industry for over thirteen years. He currently is the National Director of SBI Emerald's Public Sector Practice. Most recently, he has been involved in large initiatives with the State of Oregon at both the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education.

Ron specializes in overall project and program management and has had numerous speaking engagements on project management and strategic planning, most recently the Oracle Application Users Group Conference of the Americas.



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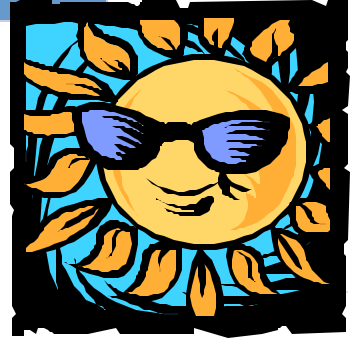
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The next lunch meeting is:
Friday August 16.
(The third Friday of the month at Noon)
Location: McNary Restaurant
Time: 12 - 1 PM.



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NOW is the time!



To help us update our records.

In an effort to make sure that our information about you is correct we need your help. PMI members can update their information in the database at headquarters by logging on to **www.pmi.org** and selecting the PMI Members Area tab on the left side of the screen. You will be able to access your records on-line. Each month we receive mail as undeliverable, both regular and e-mail. The administration of this is becoming very time consuming.

For Non PMI members, please send the correct mail and e-mail information to pmiwv@open.org .

Upcoming Chapter Education Event

'Getting Results With Applied Project Leadership & Processes'

The PMI local chapter will be sponsoring this education event on October 18th, 2002.

- Free software tools provided by Advisicon will be given to every attendee.
- Improve your project management skills.
- Earn six PDU's before the end of the year.
- Interesting topics presented by professionals.
- Meet with representatives from several educational institutions.
- Sharing table for members with "cool project stuff" to give away - bring disks with your favorite project applications to share with other attendees.
- Network with other project managers.



The all-day event includes refreshments and buffet-style luncheon. Registration forms and additional details will be provided soon. Mark your calendar now to hold this important date open for an excellent and cost-effective educational event. See you October 18th!

September President's Message

For the September issue of the PMI Chapter Newsletter, John Doan will be our guest author providing the President's Message.

John is currently serving in the PMI local chapter President Elect position and will be providing us with insights on the requirements for maintaining certification for Oregon Project Management Association (OPMA) and PMI Project Management Professional (PMP) Certifications through Professional Development Units (PDU).

Please let us know if there are any specific topics that you would like covered in future issues of the newsletter!