

September Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2005

Time: Meet & Greet: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Meeting: 6:30 PM
Speaker: 6:45 PM

Place: Porters Restaurant & Tap Room
123 West 14th Street
Erie, PA 16501
814-452-2787

Cost: Members - \$15
Non-members - \$20
Meeting Only – Free

RSVP: by September 9 if possible!
Online Registration at www.pmierie.org

If you have any comments or suggestions about this new schedule, please send a note to Ray Kutzer, PMP at rkutzer@pmierie.org.

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

October 20 th	David Frew
November 17 th	David Frew
December 16 th	OPEN **

For complete information on our upcoming meetings and events, please visit our web site at www.pmierie.org.

**** Please contact Elizabeth Ludwig, Vice President of Programs, if you would be interested in being the December Speaker!**

Dinner Meeting Reservations

Please visit our website at www.pmierie.org to make your dinner meeting reservations. We have to provide Porters with an expected headcount by 1 week prior to the meeting, so get your reservations in early.

You can pay for your dinner at the door. Please remember that we make reservations at Porters for a certain number of people based on the online reservations we receive. If you make a dinner reservation, and do not attend the dinner, you will be billed for your meal.



September Meeting Speaker

Diana Day PE PMP

(a glimpse of) Aerospace Programs at Lord Corporation

Diana Day was a senior program manager for Lord Corporation's Aerospace and Defense business, (and has recently taken a new position at Lord as the Manager of the integrated Technical Support department). She will outline some of the challenges associated with complex projects in this area, including interesting pictures of Lord products and their end applications.

Diana has been an active member of PMI for 10 years; was a founding officer of the Manufacturing Specific Interest Group; and has participated in several PMI global leadership meetings and working groups.

Diana previously worked as a Jet Engine Designer in Florida and Michigan, and has a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida and an MBA from the University of Michigan. She has been at Lord Corporation in Erie for 16 years, where she has held various technical management and project management roles.

News from PMI:

Note: PMI is making a \$25,000 (US) donation to the [American Red Cross](#) to assist in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. We are also contacting all component leaders in the affected areas to pledge our support and assistance. It should be noted that the soon-to-be-completed Post Disaster Rebuild Methodology and Training Project will provide meaningful guidelines to relief agencies ensuring maximization of resources and overall effectiveness in responding to such unfortunate natural disasters

There is a new way to interface with PMI...

The new Web-based Certification System is now available on the PMI Web site. Individuals who hold the Project Management Professional (PMP®) and the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) are now able to access their records at any time, making it easier to maintain credentials and stay on top of deadlines for credential renewal. Applicants will find a more user-friendly online application (for both PMP and CAPM Credentials) as well as a self-service feature, allowing candidates access to copies of receipts, score reports and notification of eligibility status. Automatic e-mail notifications will advise candidates of their approved application as well as request additional information if needed. Future online features will include access to credential renewals as well as PDU submissions. If you hold a PMI credential (PMP, CAPM), visit the [Certification Program](#) section of the PMI Web site today.

New Members!

The Erie PMI Chapter welcomes new members - Please encourage your colleagues to get involved with our PMI-Erie. Bringing them as guests to our meetings is a great way to show the primary value provided by this growing and dynamic chapter.

This month we are pleased to welcome:

Ms. Lidia Giles from Saint Vincent

Ms. Marilyn Hartman from Erie Insurance

Mr. Arun Gomatam from Lanco Global Systems

Rajan Nischal from GE Rail

Mr. Mark Squeglia from GE Rail

Randy Jacobs from Iron Mountain

Mosala Reddy from Rentway Inc.

Jay Wingerter from Erie Insurance

Membership Matters

We currently have 51 members from 23 organizations.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the PMI Erie PA Chapter, please contact Bruce McCall, Vice President of Membership, or visit our web site at www.pmierie.org.

Committee Membership

The PMI Erie Committee members are listed below. *Additional support is always welcome:* contact the board members if you would like to assist in any of the activities of the chapter management team. Thanks to our newest committee Member, Mike Angelo (Programs).

Education – Howard Steinfield, Eric Podgers
(One Opening on this committee)

Communication & Publicity – Tom Blecki, David Mahoney, Diana Day (newsletter), Adam Walker
(There is an opening for a Webmaster)

Membership – Bruce McCall, Andy Putnam
(One Opening on this committee)

Programs – Beth Ludwig, Karl Ludwig, Tim Milloy
If you are interested in serving on any of the committees, please contact [Ray Kutzer, PMP](#).

PMP Exam UPDATE

The Project Management Institute has announced some VERY significant changes that will be implemented for the PMP exam and the application process when the new exam (based on the new PMBOK Guide) is officially rolled out on September 30th. There are three (3) changes in particular that you should be aware of if you are planning to take the exam in the near future:

Change #1: The Passing Score on the PMP Exam will be Increased to 81.7%.

The passing score on exams -effective thru September 24th of 2005-is 68.5%. This change represents an increase of 13.2% in the passing score for the PMP exam.

Change #2: The Bar for Exam Eligibility will be Raised Significantly. New eligibility requirements will mandate applicants document not only that they have performed certain tasks, but that they have led and directed those specific tasks. This was not a requirement to take the previous PMP exam, but any application submitted on or after August 30th must meet these new criteria.

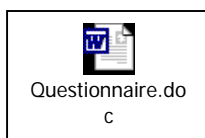
Change #3: Project Contact Info will be Collected to Verify Your Experience. Applicants will be required to provide contact information for each project that is submitted as part of the application to take the exam. Therefore, if applicants are citing project experience from multiple positions or over an extended period, there may be challenges in accurately gathering this information.

Congratulations to our new PMP

Steve Pitonyak, who is a project manager at Erie Insurance, passed the certification exam on Friday, July 29th...



Thanks to Bruce McCall for replacing Terry O'Brien as our Chapter's VP – Membership. Terry O'Brien's new job required him to relocate. Best wishes to Terry!



Please take a moment and open the questionnaire attached to the left, answer the questions, and resave and email the document to Tom Blecki, or bring it to the September meeting!!

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY!!!

The Project Management Institute Erie Chapter is offering two professional development classes worth three credits each. The speaker at both classes will be Dr. David Frew, the executive director of the Erie County Historical Society.

Dr. Frew published 24 books and more than 100 articles in the traditional areas of organizational psychology, such as leadership, motivation, teams and business strategy. Dr. Frew's clients have included IBM, GE, NASA, Westinghouse, AT&T, Martin Marietta, and FMC.

These sessions will be in place of our October and November Chapter Meetings!

Class 1:

Topic: Personalities and Teams

Date: October 20, 2005

Class 2:

Topic: Team Leadership

Date: November 17, 2005

Both classes will be held at Porter's restaurant (121 West 14th Street, Erie PA). The classes will run from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM with a buffet dinner available at approximately 6:45. The cost for the class and dinner is as follows:

\$75 for both classes if registered by October 6, 2005

\$40 for class 1 if registered by October 6, 2005 or \$50 if later

\$40 for class 2 if registered by November 3, 2005 or \$50 if later

Please register by mailing a check payable to PMI ERIE PA Chapter to:

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Unit 7 Box 123
Erie, PA 16509

Please contact either Ray Kutzer (Rkutzer@pmierie.org) or Howard Steinfield (hsteinfield@pmierie.org) for questions.