

May Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2006
Time: Meet & Greet
& Dinner 5:30 PM
Followed immediately by the business meeting and Speaker
Place: Porters Restaurant & Tap Room
123 West 14th Street
Erie, PA 16501
814-452-2787
Cost: Members - \$15
Non-members - \$20
RSVP: by May 16 at 5pm
Online Registration at www.pmierie.org

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!!

The PMI Erie, PA Chapter is a proud sponsor of the 2006 Key West Phest which is being held at Liberty Park on July 21st and 22nd. This two day celebration will include performances by Peter Mayer, Club Trini, Sunny Jim White, Jim Mayer, and of course, Key West Express. Proceeds from the Key West Phest will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Erie Zoo. At our May meeting on Thursday May 18th, we raffle off two VIP tickets for this exciting event.

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

For complete information on our upcoming meetings and events, please visit our web site at www.pmierie.org.
The next monthly meeting will be in SEPTEMBER

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.



May Meeting Plans

Benefits and Drawbacks of "SIX SIGMA"

SPEAKER: John Miller, PMP

John M. Miller is part of the project management section at Erie Insurance. He holds an MS degree in Software Engineering from The American University, and a BS degree in Computer Science from Dickinson College. He is a PMP. He has been an instructor for the computer science program at North Carolina Wesleyan College and University of Maryland University College. He has also instructed project management training courses for the North Carolina Chapter of PMI.

John is a 20-year IT professional with over 10 years of project management experience. Some of his more recent project management assignments have included:

American Kennel Club, Emory Healthcare, Bank of America, Cisco's Federal Systems Division, Fleet Mortgage Group, Weyerhaeuser Computer Sciences, And several others. He has managed a diverse portfolio of projects of all sizes in a variety of businesses, industries, and work cultures. He brings practical experience in managing custom application development projects, software package integration projects, and infrastructure implementation projects. He has managed and practiced a wide-array of formal project methodologies and has assisted in the startup of two project management offices.

Welcome, John!!

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:

Steve Erdman from Penn State University

William Kenyon, PMP from the Northwest Commission

Membership Matters

We currently have 59 members from 26 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.

Questions or Concerns?
Contact our chapter president,
Bob Spinelli, at
rspinelli@pmierie.org

Congratulations to our new PMPs!!
David Soule
and
Collette Perry

This Month's Feature Article.....

PMI Certification Discussion:

It has been reported by several PMI Components, especially the New Jersey and Rochester Chapters, that there is concern about the perception of the PMP certification being compromised because of recent changes in testing and scoring processes. Specifically, the passing grade of 61% is being noted as a quite low score, and the chapters are requesting the certification committee open up a dialog with the PM community, the components, and members to address the concerns, move away from the "psychometric process" analysis if the testing, which too many people do not understand, and come up with an option that does discount the PMP and our members. If anyone would like more information, or would like to participate in this PMI "discussion", please bring it up to your officers, or look for opportunities to discuss on the PMI website at pmi.org. Attached is a copy of the Rochester Chapter letter- a powerpoint file.



Rochester
Letter.ppt

PMI REGION 4 MEETING: Opportunity !?
This is a meeting of PMI Leaders in this region, and includes networking, learning about PMI, and bringing information back to our chapter.

Date/Time Saturday, June 3, 8:30-3:30pm
Sunday, June 4, 9-noon

Location: Comfort Inn
1 Prospect Pointe
Niagara Falls, NY 14303-1130
(716) 284-6835
www.comfortintheplane.com

Special meeting room rate: \$79 single; \$89 double
Reservations: 1-800-284-6835; ask for "PMI Region 4" room rate (good 2 days before and after the meeting). Reserve before May 1.

Cost: \$45 to pay for meeting expenses

Agenda Items: [Membership Retention](#); [PMP Certification Perception](#); [Types of Programs](#); [Lesson Learned on How to Setup and Run a PDD \(Professional Development Day\) or Symposium](#)

Reminders

- 1) *Please keep your contact information and email address updated on the PMI Website. This is how we know how to reach you.*
- 2) *PMP's: Keep your meeting receipts and certificates, with the program number, in case of an audit of your PDU's! Don't forget to enter them. Next month we will include an easy instruction sheet for entering PDU's.*
- 3) *Some PDU info was lost on the PMI website on 2/17/06. PLEASE RECHECK your records.*

The PMI-Erie Chapter Officers and Members express our heartfelt sympathy to Howard Steinfeld (our Chapter VP of education) and his family on the tragic loss of his wife, Nancy. The chapter has made a donation in Nancy's name.