



Southern New England Chapter of PMI

Making Southern New England better through Project Management™

Chapter Meeting - Wednesday, February 19th

Project Management Tools - What's New and Happening with Microsoft and Rally!!!

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell,
CT - Essex Room

- How do they work together?
- Ways to get started

Agenda

- 5:00 - 5:30pm** - Registration and Networking
- 5:30 - 6:00pm** - Business Meeting
- 6:00 - 6:30pm** - Dinner
- 6:30 - 8:00pm** - Main Presentation

Cost:

- \$35 for SNEC Members
- \$45 for Non-SNEC Members

PDUs: Up to 1.5

PM for this event: [Linda Milton](#).

Registration: Deadline is Monday, February 17th

Main Presentation Overview

PM Tools - What's New and Happening with Microsoft and Rally!

Choosing & Using the Right Microsoft Project Management Tool for the Job

Presented by Stephen Teebagy, MCTS & David Ingram, PMP, MCTS

Choosing. Whether you're a Project Manager, Program Manager, Portfolio Manager or PMO Executive, you need the right software tool to be effective on the job. Microsoft offers a wide range of Project and Portfolio Management software products for individuals, teams and organizations - but which one is most appropriate for your needs?

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE:

- What do each of these products do?
- What's NEW in Project 2013, SharePoint 2013, etc.?

Using. Now that you understand the various applications available from Microsoft, and when to use them - see a LIVE demonstration of the latest and greatest capabilities of these products in action.

FEATURES COVERED WILL INCLUDE:

- Ways to be more efficient and productive managing your Project plan
- Communicating effectively with project team members
- Producing great looking reports

What's Up with Rally? What's the latest and GRRRRreastest in Rally's Agile Software Support!!!

Presented by Dan Rabinovitz

Rally software is one of many project management tools available to support Agile Development. However, seeing is believing!! or at least it helps the waterfall Project Manager make that leap into cognitive implementation of an agile project. Dan will provide a brief overview of how Rally enables Agile software development and then demo specifically how the tool and the methodology work together. Dan will pull in some aspects of Agile development work together with information roles (as an example "Project Manager" vs "Scrum Master") and apply all this theory to demo how the Rally tool supports their information needs. Agile is not just a way of developing software, but an organizational mindset.

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[Greater Hartford PM Exchange](#)
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[Springfield - WPMF Meeting](#)
Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:00pm

February 12th

[Shelton Region Meeting](#)
Wednesday 5:30pm - 8:00pm

February 14th

[Hartford Eastside PM Roundtable](#)
Friday 7:30am - 9:00am

February 19th

[Special Event: Understanding the Financial ROI Elements of the Business Case](#)
Wednesday 7:30am - 5:00pm

February 22nd through March 22nd

[SNEC PMP Exam Prep - New Britain](#)
Saturdays, 9:00am - 5:00pm

March 1st through March 29th

[SNEC PMP Exam Prep - Fairfield](#)
Saturdays, 9:00am - 5:00pm

March 6th

[Greater Hartford PM Exchange](#)
Thursday 4:30pm - 7:00pm

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President's Message

By Carin Salonia, PMP

2014 is shaping up to be an exciting year for SNEC. After months of planning you are seeing the best of the best that SNEC has to offer! We have several events to grow your skills, as well as opportunities to get involved in the chapter, meet new people and share your project management knowledge and

experience. Make a point to LEARN more and NETWORK more this year.

LEARN. Based on your feedback, we continue to offer more opportunities for continuing education including; certification prep, focused offerings in finance, risk management, scrum/agile and leadership training. We need and value your input and ideas. If you think there is something we should offer to our project management community, share it! We are always looking to our membership to hear what matters!

NETWORK. Networking is important. It is probably one of the most undervalued activity next to continuing education for most people - it's usually the first thing that goes off the list of things to do. I make it one of my goals for the year to attend at least 4 networking events - I attend networking sessions at work, in my community and sponsored by SNEC. I try to meet at least one or two new people at each event and then reach out to them for learning. I can point to two networking opportunities that turned into a career opportunity, and great learning/growth for me. I value those relationships. We've recently added networking opportunities and plan to expand those opportunities to include colleagues and project management professionals from border chapters! (NY, RI, MA). Take advantage of any event to network!

I had the opportunity to attend a workshop and executive luncheon on "The Speed of Trust" with Stephen M.R. Covey last summer. I was so moved by his message, the concepts of building, maintaining and restoring trust, I asked Stephen if he could speak to project management professionals. I took the opportunity to not only LEARN but NETWORK with Stephen. We shared ideas, experience and the more we spoke of what project management professionals do, and challenge we have to assemble a unique team for a unique purpose - is the challenge of how to move quickly from forming a team to becoming a high performing team. Part of that is building clarity and expectations, intent and common goals. Much of that is building trust. We discussed how the framework, process and tools (behaviors) are so relevant and can be leveraged in project management. The conference committee has done a phenomenal job in working with Stephen as well as several other very talented speakers and relevant topics for this upcoming year's annual professional development day. Be sure to attend. LEARN and NETWORK.

I continue to be so proud of what our chapter volunteers contribute, accomplish and are passionate about. Join us in learning. Join us in networking. Join in the fun!

Carin

Early-Bird registration for the 9th annual PM Conference and Workshop

Early-Bird registration is available through midnight on February 28, 2014!

This year's events will take place on:

Monday, April 28, 2014 - 8:00AM to 5:00PM (Conference),
 Tuesday, April 29, 2014 - 8:00AM to 12:00PM (Workshops)

Key Note Presenters Announced!



What is "The Speed of Trust"? Join us to hear our opening Keynote speaker, [Stephen M.R. Covey](#), as he conveys his approach and to understand why he advocates that the ability to establish, grow, extend, and restore trust with all stakeholders is the critical leadership competency of the new global economy.

Closing this year's conference will be [Bill Fournet](#). Bill's presentation, PM Next Generation: How Minecraft and Gamification are Shaping PM, is sure to offer an interesting and enlightening perspective on the ever changing world of Project Management.



Registration for both Individual Registrants and Corporate Groups is open, and you can get more information and register on the SNEC-PMI Conference [web site](#).

Summary of this year's PM Conference and Workshop rates

Rates are Per Person	SNEC Member		Non-SNEC Member	
	PM Conf	Workshop	PM Conf	Workshop
Early Bird (registrations thru 2/28)	\$275	\$215	\$340	\$280
Early Bird - 2 Day Package	\$450		\$580	
Regular (registrations after 3/1)	\$330	\$270	\$395	\$335
Regular - 2 Day Package	\$560		\$690	
Corporate (10 or more attendees registered and paid as a group prior to 3/1)	\$240	\$190	\$300	\$250
Corporate - 2 Day Package	\$390		\$510	

Understanding the Financial ROI Elements of the Business Case

SNEC-PMI SPECIAL EVENT

presented by **Marc Resch**

EARN 8 PDUs

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Registration, Breakfast & Networking

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Event

Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT

Cost: \$350 for SNEC Members / \$380 for Non-SNEC Members

Cost includes all day session, breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages



Course Information:

This workshop evaluates important elements of the business case, key cash flow concepts and focus on their applicability to business and to the overall financial bottom line. Project professionals certainly don't need to be certified public accountants (CPAs) or financial experts to be effective in their roles, but must be proficient with certain fundamental business concepts that can be applied directly to their projects. Having a solid grasp of these important concepts can greatly assist project teams in achieving optimized and sustained business value for their organizations.

Project practitioners are on the front lines of delivering business value. Projects are viewed as strategic investments with the primary concern being the value that they generate. This workshop will discuss processes and techniques to achieve, and even exceed, project strategic objectives, thereby maximizing financial returns, beneficial change and competitive advantage.

As project professionals, we must not be intimidated by the numbers, but must understand and embrace them to accurately represent and manage our project investments.

Course Learning Objectives:

- Understand the strategic and financial elements of project investments
- Appreciate the significance of the business case and learn how to build it during the crucial planning phases
- Understand how to formulate and gather project metrics
- Understand the key principles and techniques to cash flow modeling in order to forecast business benefits
- Fully grasp the time value of money concepts
- Understand and apply key ROI measurements to projects, to include NPV, IRR, ROI and payback period
- Learn how to speak proficiently and at the C-levels of organizations in business and financial terms
- Learn how true business value can be attained and sustained to drive organizational success

Speaker Background Information:

Marc Resch is President of Resch Group (www.reschgroup.com), a PMI Registered Education Provider (REP), whose mission is to transform individuals and organizations into business-focused, data-driven value creators through specialized training, consulting and coaching services. As a strategy, process and training professional with decades in the field, Marc has helped transform numerous companies and individuals to achieve their business and professional goals. Resch is a frequent speaker and expert panel member at PMI events.

Marc is an adjunct professor at Centenary College in New Jersey, teaching in the areas of business strategy, organizational design and team leadership. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, received a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of North Carolina and received a Masters in Science (MS) from Stevens Institute of Technology.

If you have any questions, please contact Abby Bosacker, PMP, at 860-558-6355(cell) or email: Abby.Bosacker@sneec-pmi.org

Stephen M. R. Covey to open the 9th annual SNEC PM Conference program!



Stephen M. R. Covey is a cofounder of CoveyLink and the FranklinCovey Global Speed of Trust Practice. He is the *New York Times* and #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *The SPEED of Trust*, a groundbreaking and paradigm-shifting book that challenges our age-old assumption that trust is merely a soft, social virtue and instead demonstrates that trust is a hard-edged, economic driver. He and business partner Greg Link recently coauthored *Smart Trust: Creating Prosperity, Energy, and Joy in a Low-Trust World*, which shares enlightening principles and anecdotes of people and organization that are achieving unprecedented success from high-trust relationships and cultures.

Trust is hard, real, and quantifiable. It measurably affects both speed and cost. A function of character and competence, trust can be created and destroyed, effectively taught and learned. In most cases, lost trust can even be restored.

This fast-paced and engaging presentation dramatically reveals TRUST as the hidden variable that will become your most leverageable tool, giving you a distinct strategic advantage. We call it "Leading at the SPEED of TRUST."

Join us to hear more on Stephen's approach and why he advocates that the ability to establish, grow, extend, and restore trust with all stakeholders is the critical leadership competency of the new global economy.

[Early-bird registration](#) is now open for the Conference and Workshop programs. Register now to secure your seat to hear this dynamic presenter and to take advantage of the discounted registration fees! Early-bird registration runs from January 2, 2014 - February 28, 2014 for both individual and corporate/group discounts.

For details on both individual and corporate/group rates during the Early-bird period, please check the 2014 Conference website: www.snec-pmi.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at conference@snec-pmi.org.

Thank you!

The 2014 SNEC PM Conference Committee



Virtual Communications – Another way to engage in dialog...

by Susan Parente, Associate Professor at Post University-MBA Program, PMP, CISSP, PMI-RMP, ITIL, MSEM

We live in a world of expanding technology and increased connectivity and yet, like many people, I haven't had a home phone in years. I'm not even using a desktop computer or my laptop computer to write this article. I am using my eBook reader!

I have developed and teach a virtual teams and organizations course at Post University, in Waterbury, CT. Perhaps appropriately, the course is delivered online using a learning management system (LMS). I also write articles and presentations on virtual project teams, so one might think that little would surprise me in the arena of virtual technology; however I was recently surprised by a virtual communication a few weeks ago.

When texting with a friend, I noticed something which peaked my curiosity on virtual communication and it encouraged me to investigate video conferencing further. Normally I text with my friend via our mobile phones; however this time he instant messaged me using Google Talk via my Gmail account (aka Google Chat) on my mobile phone. Then he asked if I wanted to video chat with him. I agreed and before I could turn on my computer, a call came through my phone. I was surprised as it was a video call. I picked it up unsure how it would work, as I had never used it before and didn't even know I had that capability through Google Chat (now called Google Hangouts). The video call was a very clear two way video chat over my cell phone, using my home broadband Wi-Fi connection. It was much superior to video chats I had engaged in on my home or office computer.

What I noticed as we engaged in a dialog is that my friend (who usually limits our phone conversations to a few minutes) stayed on the call for almost an hour! During that time, there were moments of silence, broken by moments of silly face making. I become aware that one of the reasons it is easier to have a video call is that the structural language (positioning and movement of our bodies) is engaged via video chat. In voice only communication, this is missing, so the conversation must rely on verbal communication only. By experience, I learned that video conferencing makes up for some of the lost communication we have when we are not collocated. Collocated, as opposed to virtual work, means that individuals are located in the same office space and the majority of their communications are face to face, either one on one or in meetings with a number of individuals.

Video conference (whether you use Skype, Google, or another software/ hardware), builds trust between participants. Trust is foundational to all teams, most especially to virtual teams. Trust is critical for relationship building. When one can view the others during conversation, they can use visual cues and body language to better understand the person they are communicating with and in the process build trust with them. This is a significant reason why video conferencing can be very valuable when communicating virtually.

Previously I had considered video conferencing as a tool to assist with sharing of visual information or documentation with people in disparate locations. For example, it can be used to walk something through a computer application, or view a slideshow presentation. Through this interaction, I realized video conferencing provides much more than that.

An example of how video conferencing is being used in the industry is at Cisco Systems. A colleague of mine works at Cisco Systems in the San Jose area. At her facility they have a video conference room. Many of us have used video conference rooms. They usually provide a projection screen of the location or locations you are conferenced to, and a small video view of your location, so you may see what the other location(s) can see. At my colleague's Cisco video conference room, there is a monitor at each seat around the table and each person is shown in a separate video monitor. The effect of this is that you have a closer feel to being in a meeting with everyone present, rather than viewing a room full of people on one screen. This is particularly effective if your team members are dispersed over many locations.

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In our current age of social networking and global businesses, knowing how to work virtually is becoming a basic requirement instead of an exception. What has caused this shift to virtual work? First, the focus on knowledge and information has resulted in the proliferation of electronic devices. The Internet and social media create an environment which is multicultural, distributed and asynchronous. Having no boundaries also allows teams and organizations to obtain the best of the best skilled and experienced team members. (Fisher & Fisher, 2011)

Virtual teams also support the speed of progress, allowing global teams to work on a project 24 hours a day. As each area ends its day, they can pass their work on to the next set of team members, who have just started their day, in a relay race fashion. Our global economy has also brought businesses to broad locations, where many businesses desire to expand their focus beyond the areas where their offices are located, to include the world in their potential market. If clients or customers can be geographically displaced, why can't our teams and organizations? An even better question is, if our environment has transformed so greatly, would it not make sense that we transform ourselves to continue to be effective as project managers and team members?

Some say that virtual teams will never be as effective as collocated teams. Perhaps it is a matter of which strategies are used to support virtual teams. There are certainly a number of successful virtual teams who have completed extensive work in short periods of time, which would otherwise not be possible due to resource constraints if the team members were collocated. Virtual teams can be far more dynamic than traditional collocated teams and have fewer resource constraints than their counterparts.

References:

Fisher, K., & Fisher, M. (2011) *Manager's Guide to Virtual Teams*. McGraw-Hill, New York.



Susan Parente is an Associate Professor at Post University and a Principal Consultant at S3 Technologies, LLC, a company focused on revitalizing projects through the use of risk management. Ms. Parente is a project engineer, consultant, speaker, author, and mentor focused on project and risk management.

NEW SNEC-PMI CHAPTER MEMBERS

as of December 31, 2013

Ryan Bell
 Steven Carty
 Julie Dorgan
 Ravindra Duddu
 Shandra Faulk
 Christopher Hall
 Bruce Hirshfield
 John Hughes
 Shane Humphries
 Mark Jones
 Miriam Kramer
 Helena Loureiro
 Andres Rios
 Ed Shail
 Douglas Strauss

SNEC-PMI MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SNEC-PMI would like to acknowledge long term chapter members celebrating their 5, 10 and 15+ year anniversaries in December. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your continued and valued membership!

5 Year Anniversaries

Thad M. Belfanti, PMP
 Mike Bielefield, PMP
 Peter J. Krala, PMP
 David Lawrence Malloy, Jr., CAPM
 Shelly M Shannon, PMP
 James Louis Styblo, Jr., PMP
 Gary M Wenner
 James Zdru, PMP

10 Year Anniversaries

Ken A. Holyst, PMP
 Frank L. Presto, PMP

15+ Year Anniversaries

Carol A. Carrier, PMP
 Thomas A. Gezo, Sr., PMP
 Andrea Southland, PMP

Are You Certified Yet?

Here is a list of courses that SNEC has offered to assist our members in achieving their certification goals:

- PMP Certification
- PMI-RMP Certification (Risk Management)
- ACP Certification (Agile)
- CSM Certification (Scrum Master)
- MS Project Certification

Watch our [Education Offerings](#) to meet your certification goals!

SNEC-PMI PMP UPDATE

Congratulations from our Board of Directors and our Membership to the newest PMPs in our chapter:

Ryan Belmont
 Joseph Danajovits
 Ulrich Decher
 Greg Garland
 Nita Gupta
 Hitesh Patel
 Susan Vecchio
 James Wolff
 Erika Young

Enhanced Sponsorship Opportunities for the 9th Annual SNEC PM Conference!

Sponsors, join us on Monday, April 28, 2014, 7:00am - 6:00pm at the Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford CT



We hope you will join us this year for another well-attended, informative and beneficial event! For this year's conference, we are adding an additional option to our Sponsorship suite of offerings. The Elite level joins our traditional Sponsorship levels of Platinum, Gold and Silver!

Internationally Recognized Opening Keynote Speaker!

We are thrilled to announce Stephen M. R. Covey will present the [opening keynote](#) session. Stephen is world-renowned for his presentation on Trust and Teamwork and we expect an increase in attendance over last year's 800+ attendees. All sponsors are invited to join us and listen to the dynamic and engaging keynote presentation. More information on Mr. Covey's vision and message is available on [Page 4](#) of this newsletter and via this web link: <http://www.myspeedoftrust.com/events/Covey-LIVE>

Executive Track and Luncheon

We have further enhanced the conference schedule by adding an exclusive Executive Track. This invitation-only experience will be available to a limited number of local executives and business leaders. These leaders will be invited to attend selected sessions throughout the day and will be invited to participate in a private luncheon hosted by Stephen Covey. Elite-level Sponsors can also participate in the Luncheon. This is a great opportunity to connect directly with leaders in the PM community and to hear, first hand, about their challenges and goals.

Sponsorship

In addition to our traditional [sponsorship levels](#) of Platinum, Gold and Silver, each having their unique benefits and offerings, we are introducing the "Elite" level of sponsorship in 2014.

Elite Level Sponsorship

This exclusive package includes all the benefits from Platinum level plus one seat to the Executive Luncheon. The total package cost is \$5,000. If you have multiple members of your team in attendance, the Elite Sponsor may purchase additional luncheon tickets for \$3,000 each. To ensure that this remains a focused meeting offering maximum value, we know you will understand that space will be limited.

With the variety of options available, there is a sponsorship opportunity sure to meet the needs of your company. If you are interested, please email sponsors@sneec-pmi.org with your inquiry and one of our dedicated volunteers will be in contact with you.

Check out www.sneec-pmi.org and click on Conference for the latest information on all keynote and session speakers as well as your fellow Sponsors.

Thank you!

The 2014 SNEC-PMI Annual Sponsorship Conference Committee

SNEC-PMI MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

GREATER HARTFORD PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXCHANGE – FEBRUARY 2014

Thursday, February 6, 2014, 04:30pm - 07:00pm

Location: The Hartford, Atrium Conference Room, 690 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT

Cost: \$10

Contact : Anita Green - anita.green@sneec-pmi.org

[Registration](#) closes Sunday, February 2nd at midnight

Agenda:

4:30 - 5:00pm - Registration and Networking
5:00 - 6:30pm - Presentation – Book Review: “Teams on Fire”
6:30 - 7:00pm - Q&A / Close-out

Book Review - "Teams on Fire!"

Heather Hansen O'Neill, is an award winning speaker, author, and connection expert presenting to organizations and corporations on team development, transition, and productivity.

Heather is a certified DiSC facilitator, certified corporate coach, TV show host, and creator of Adventure to Connection- a revolutionary way to network. She runs a successful business transforming lives and companies while making plenty of quality time raising her three high-energy boys. Heather offers keynote speeches, individual and group coaching, webinars, CDs, and DVDs and her books, Find Your Fire at Forty: Creating a Joyful Life During the Age of Discontent and Teams on Fire! Transforming your Group into a More Productive, Profitable, and Motivated Team. More information on Heather and her programs can be found at www.fireinfive.com.

A link to Amazon for anyone who wants to get the book for the discussion can be found by clicking [here](#).

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Sign up at www.fireinfive.com to receive a complimentary Inspired Connections video and sample book chapter.

P.S. Don't forget your business cards for the networking portion of the meeting!

SPRINGFIELD - FEBRUARY WMPMF MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 05:30pm - 07:00pm

Location: Western New England University - Kevin Delbridge Welcome Center Conference Room

Cost: \$12 for SNEC Members; \$15 for non-SNEC Members

PDU: 1.0

Contact : Mary Rooke, PMP - mary.rooke@hne.com

[Registration](#) closes Sunday, February 9th at midnight

Agenda:

5:30 - 6:00 pm - Pizza and Networking
6:00 - 7:00 pm - Presentation

Team Building with Maryann Burns

- Definitions of Team
- Why is "Team" Important?
- Team Building Techniques
- Formal
- Informal
- Team Building Exercise
- Leadership Styles
- Scenarios - discussion
- What is a "bad team"?
- Wrap up

Presenter Bio:

Maryann Burns is currently leading the build out of a PMO organization for the AIG Life and Retirement Information Technology Data Management organization. Responsibilities include establishing a PMO framework, providing strategic direction and oversight of the portfolio, programs, projects and operations within the organization, aligning and maintaining the Data Management Roadmap, and managing and overseeing area and portfolio financials and metrics. Maryann obtained an Advanced Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University in 2007.

SNEC-PMI FEBRUARY 2014 SHELTON REGION ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 05:30pm - 08:00pm

Location: Iroquois Gas - First Floor Conference Room, One Corporate Drive, Shelton CT

PDU: 1.0

Cost: \$12 for SNEC members, \$15 for non-members; \$15 – all Walk-Ins

Contact: Joe Carfagno; Email : joseph.carfagno@sneec-pmi.org

[Registration](#) closes Tuesday, February 11 midnight

Agenda:

5:30 - 6:30pm – Registration and Networking
6:00 - 6:30pm – Pizza Dinner
6:30 - 8:00pm – Main Presentation

Roundtable Discussion: *How Effective are PMOs?* Moderated By Mark Richards

Many organizations use PMOs. Like them or not, they are the face of project management in those organizations. We will discuss:

- Many PMO's exist within companies but they are ineffective. This causes problems in other areas of the company
- The PMO's mission: Communicating back to senior management and the departments and enforcing standards.

- How do you construct a PMO that is effective but flexible and is enforced within the organization?
- The concept behind PMO's are standardizations and using governance to deliver projects within budget and schedule – what have people seen that is wrong with this statement?
- Years ago many people entered into technology because of the creative aspect of the field. Do PMO's take away from that?

Expect an honest no holds barred discussion. Please come with your ideas, opinions, passions - or just a willingness to learn and hear multiple viewpoints on this vitally important topic.

Moderator Biography:

Mark Richards, principal eRichards Consulting, LLC, has personally worked for 30 clients from: IBM, GE Capital, Towers Perrin, City of New Haven, TIAA CREF, CHASE, Bankers Trust, Avon, General Re, Herbalife International, Shaklee, Onyx Environmental Services, Con Edison, UI etc.

HARTFORD EASTSIDE PM ROUNDTABLE

Friday, February 14, 2014, 07:30am - 09:00am

Location: Goodwin College River Campus, 211 Riverside Drive, Room 311, East Hartford, CT

Cost: Free

PDUs: 1.0

Contact: Neelima Kothapalli, neelima.kothapalli@gmail.com

Registration closes Thursday, Friday 13 midnight

Agenda:

7:30 - 7:45 am – Registration and Networking

7:45 - 7:55 am – Introductions

7:55 - 8:55 am – Main program (1 PDU)

8:55 - 9:00 am – Wrap Up

The Six Steps to Take Before Entering the First Task on Your Project Schedule

As project Managers, we are all results oriented and we recognize the value of using tools & techniques to help us manage our projects. One such tool is MS Project which is feature rich and complex. Like many Microsoft products, Project is highly configurable to suit a variety of project needs. Sometimes, driven by a sense of urgency to get on with our plans, we overlook opportunities that MS Project offers that will help us manage our projects in the long run.

This session is about the things you should do before entering the first task in a MS Project Schedule. We will outline the six steps project managers should take before they start entering tasks in their project schedules:

1. Set the start date
2. Enter properties for the project
3. Display the Project Summary Task
4. Set up the project calendar

5. Select project-specific configuration options
6. Save the Project

Facilitator Biography:

Joe Ursone, PMP, MCTS, MCP, has 35 years Project & PMO experience in Banking, Insurance, Manufacturing, Government Service and Consulting. He is an Adjunct Professor - Project Management, University of New Haven, Western New England University and has lectured at New England School of Banking. Joe has been presenter at PMI chapter meetings and Annual Conferences. He holds a Master Certificate in Project Management and is a Microsoft Certified Professional & Technology Specialist: MS Project & MS Project Server. He also serves as a Board Officer for the CT Down Syndrome Congress and is a Board Member for The New England School of Banking.

SNEC-PMI PMP EXAM PREP - NEW BRITAIN, CT

Saturday, February 22 through March 22, 2014, 09:00am - 05:00pm

5 Day Course: 2/22/14, 3/1/14, 3/8/14, 3/15/14, and 3/22/14

Location: Central Connecticut State University, Robert A. Vance Academic Center, Paul Manafort Drive, New Britain, CT 06050

Cost: \$925 for SNEC members, \$1075 for non-SNEC members

Contact: Eileen Patjens at epatjens@ur.com

Registration closes Wednesday, February 19th at midnight

SNEC is pleased to offer our new PMP Exam Preparation course in New Britain, CT.

This 5-day intensive course is based on the new PMBOK 5th Edition and will run every Saturday from February 22nd through March 22nd, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at Central Connecticut State University, Robert A. Vance Academic Center, Paul Manafort Drive, New Britain, CT 06050. Registration and Networking will start at 8:30am.

A training material binder, PMBOK 5th Edition and Rita Mulcahy PMP® Exam Prep- 8th Edition will be provided along with a coffee/tea, lunch, beverages & snacks.

The total course training contact time is 35 hours, which is one of the requirements to take the PMP exam. Please review the full list of [PMP exam eligibility requirements](#).

Instructor Biography:

Joe Ursone is a project management professional, certified by the Project Management Institute with a Quality Assurance Certification and Systems Analysis background, also certified as a JAD facilitator with extensive project management and training experience.

Joe holds a Master's Certificate in Project Mgmt. from GW University and has become ITIL Foundation certified while also researching Lean principles as they apply to software development.

Joe has conducted several PMP study groups and taught undergraduate Project management class as an adjunct professor at Western New England College.

SNEC-PMI PMP EXAM PREP - FAIRFIELD, CT

Saturday, March 1 through 29, 2014, 09:00am - 05:00pm

5 Day Course: 3/1/14, 3/8/14, 3/15/14, 3/22/14, and 3/29/14

Location: Fairfield University, Dolan School of Business, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Cost: \$925 for SNEC members, \$1075 for non-SNEC members

Contact: Loretta Foley at lfoley@ur.com

[Registration](#) closes Wednesday, February 26th at midnight

SNEC is pleased to offer our new PMP Exam Preparation course in Fairfield, CT.

This 5-day intensive course based on the PMBOK 5th Edition will run every Saturday from March 1st until March 29th, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm at Fairfield University, Dolan School of Business, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. Registration and Networking will start at 8:30am.

A training material binder, PMBOK 5th Edition and Rita Mulcahy PMP® Exam Prep - 8th Edition will be provided along with coffee/tea, lunch, beverages & snacks.

The total course training contact time is 35 hours, which is one of the requirements to take the PMP exam. Please review the full list of [PMP exam eligibility requirements](#).

Instructors Biography:

Tom McCabe and Joyce Brown are managing directors of W. W. Mentorprises, Inc. (WWM), a Connecticut corporation. Their company specializes in the project management and quality arenas, where they offer services including curriculum development, publishing, professional training and certifications, academic instruction, consulting, and owner's representative / construction management.

GREATER HARTFORD PM EXCHANGE - MARCH 2014

Thursday, March 6, 4:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: The Hartford, Atrium Conference Room, 690 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT

Agenda

4:30 - 5:00pm Registration and Networking

5:00 - 6:30pm Presentation - *The Art of Happiness at Work*

6:30 - 7:00pm Q&A / Close Out

Cost: \$10

PDU: 1.5

[Registration](#) closes Sunday, March 2nd at Midnight.

The Art of Happiness with Maryann Burns

What does it mean to you to be happy at work? Good pay? Diversity? Great boss? Challenging work? Come join us as we explore this topic - the discussion is sure to be lively!

Maryann Burns, currently leading the build out of a PMO organization for the AIG Life and Retirement Information Technology Data Management organization. Responsibilities include establishing a PMO framework, providing strategic direction and oversight of the portfolio, programs, projects and operations within the organization, aligning and maintaining the Data Management Roadmap, and, managing and overseeing area and portfolio financials and metrics. She obtained an Advanced Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University in 2007.

SNEC MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, March 19th, 5:00pm to 8:00pm 1.5 PDU

Location: [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), Cromwell, CT

Cost: \$25 for SNEC-PMI Members, \$35 for non-SNEC members

[Registration](#) closes Monday, March 17th at Midnight.

Annual Meeting: Carin Salonia, PMP, our chapter president and the SNEC PMI Chapter Board of Directors invite you to join them at the March monthly meeting for our Annual Meeting. Carin will review the past year's accomplishments, and answer any questions.

The annual meeting portion of the evening is free for anyone to attend. *Please note that if you wish to have dinner and stay for the Main Presentation, you must register and pay for the meeting.*

Main Presentation: *Chapter Overview, Pulse of the Profession. Getting Value from Your Chapter Membership* presented by Carin Salonia, PMP

Carin will discuss PMI's insightful 2013 report on the Pulse of the Profession, and relate it to how you can maximize the value of your SNEC Chapter Membership. In today's complex global environment, the organizations that thrive are the ones that value project management. Because these high-performing organizations emphasize strategy, improve efficiency and cultivate strong talent resources, they reduce their risk and see increased success. Will your organization embrace the clear competitive advantage of project management - or will it fall further behind the competition?

Join us to learn more about where our profession is heading, and how you can leverage your chapter membership to provide maximum value to your employer or in the marketplace!

Presenter Bio:

Carin Salonia has been a PMI member and PMP since 2003 and on the SNEC Board of Directors since 2009. She has served as COO and VP (2012), BOD member for Membership and Elections, Chairperson for the 2008 SNEC Conference and 2011 Local Leadership Institute. She has facilitated and implemented a "voice of the member" continuous improvement program for SNEC in 2010 that focused on membership survey input, facilitated dialogue and brainstorming continuous improvement opportunities across the chapter's operations and service offering.

MARCH 2013 SHELTON REGION ROUNDTABLE

Friday, March 21, 7:30am - 9:00am

Location: Iroquois Gas - First Floor Conference Room, One Corporate Drive, Shelton CT

Contact: Joseph Carfagno; joseph.carfagno@sneec-pmi.org

[Registration](#) closes Thursday, March 20th at midnight

Agenda:

7:30 - 8:00am - Registration and Networking. Breakfast available for purchase.

8:00 - 9:00am - Discussion: *Teams on Fire*

Cost: Free. You may buy coffee or breakfast at the Enterprise Deli.

PDU: 1.0

Topic: ***Teams on Fire - Transforming your group into a more productive, profitable and motivated team***

David Ingram of BlumShapiro will Facilitate a Project Management Roundtable on: Microsoft Project Server

Session Objectives: Bringing a group of people together with diverse skills, talents, agendas, and priorities can be stressful for even the most inspired team leader. Teams that have worked together for years can also experience a lack of productivity and profitability due to communication breakdowns.

With Teams on Fire! strategies you will be able to transform a lackluster, under-performing team into a cohesive, productive and motivated one. An award-winning speaker, author and communication expert, Heather Hansen O'Neill shares specific leadership strategies and actions to ignite a more positive, focused, productive atmosphere.

Heather will have copies of her book available for purchase.

Presenter Bio:

Heather Hansen O'Neill is an award winning speaker, author, and connection expert presenting to organizations and corporations on team development, productivity, leadership and transition. Heather is a certified DiSC facilitator, certified corporate coach, host of The Inspired Team Leader radio show and Community Forum TV show, creator of Adventure to Connection and Stop the Violence, Embrace the Children.

Heather offers keynote speeches, workshops, executive coaching, webinars, CDs, DVDs and her books *Find Your Fire at Forty: Creating a Joyful Life During the Age of Discontent* and *Teams on Fire! Transforming Your Group into a More Productive, Profitable, and Motivated Team*. More information on Heather and her programs can be found at www.fireinfive.com.

BASIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT COURSE - FAIRFIELD, CT

One day course, Saturday, March 22, 2014, 09:00am - 05:00pm

Location: Fairfield University, Charles F. Dolan School of Business, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Cost: \$249 for SNEC members, \$299 for non-SNEC members

Contact: Adam Guinn via email at: adam.guinn@experis.com.

[Registration](#) closes Wednesday, March 19th at midnight

SNEC is pleased to offer a Basic Project Management course in Fairfield, CT.

This 1-day intensive course will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2014 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at Fairfield University, Charles F. Dolan School of Business, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. Registration and networking to begin at 8:30 AM.

The target audience is people who are interested in gaining a basic understanding of what project management involves. That audience might include recent graduates, people new to project management, managers whose staff participate on project teams, and project sponsors who would benefit in understanding all that a project manager does to implement projects on their behalf.

The total course training contact time is 8 hours, which can be used to partially meet the education requirements for the CAPM or PMP certification. Please review the full list of CAPM or PMP exam [eligibility requirements](#).

A training material binder will be provided along with coffee/tea, lunch & snacks.

Instructor Bio: Rob Bryant

Rob's career as a project manager and program manager started in 1994 and has spanned the financial services, retirement services, insurance, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, technology and travel industries. Since his first project management assignment at American Airlines he's expanded his capabilities at several companies including Convergys Corporation, The Hartford Financial Services Group and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. His background also includes delivery of a Project Management Fundamentals and PMP/CAPM Certification course as well as online learning course development. He earned a BBA with major in Finance from Pace University in Pleasantville, New York and an MBA with concentration in IT and e-Business from the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He is an active member in the Education Committee of the Southern New England Chapter of the Project Management Institute.

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